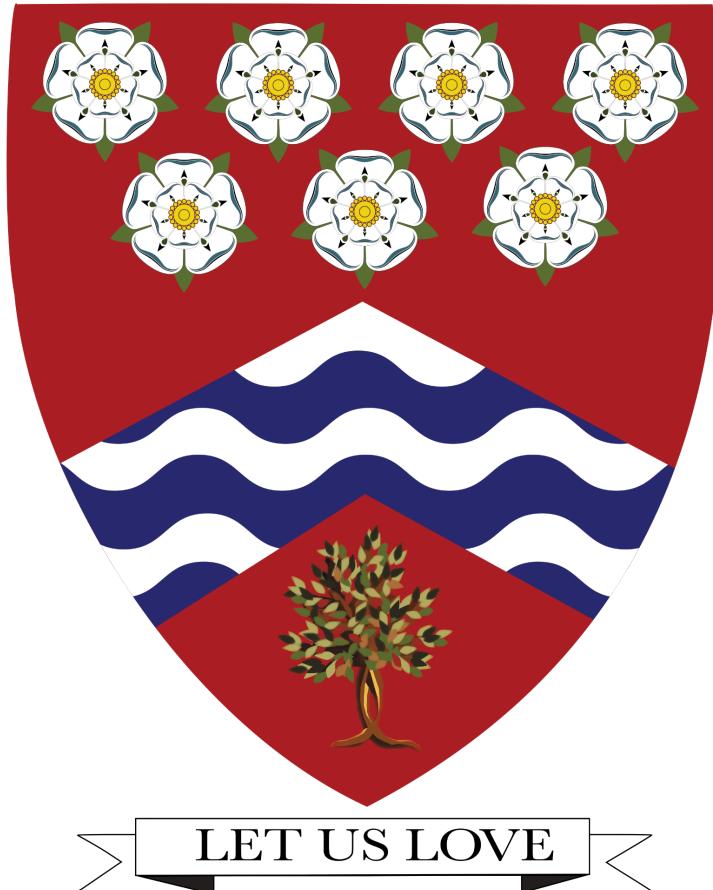


Church of the Little Flower
Berkeley Heights, NJ



First Sunday of Lent
February 21-22, 2026

Entrance Hymn

LED BY THE SPIRIT

KINGSFOLD



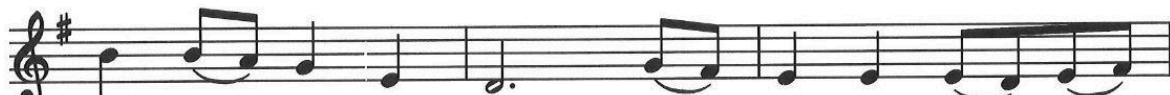
1. Led by the Spir - it of our God, we go to fast and
2. Led by the Spir - it, we con - front temp - ta - tion face to
3. Led by the Spir - it, now draw near the wa - ters of re -
4. Led by the Spir - it, now sing praise to God the Trin - i -



1. pray With Christ in - to the wil - der-ness; we join his
2. face, And know full well we must re - ly on God's re -
3. birth With hearts that long to wor-ship God in spir - it
4. ty: The Source of Life, the liv - ing Word made flesh to



1. pas - chal way. "Rend not your gar - ments, rend your hearts. Turn
2. deem - ing grace. On bread a - lone we can - not live, but
3. and in truth. "Who - ev - er drinks the drink I give shall
4. set us free, The Spir - it blow - ing where it will to



1. back your lives to me." Thus says our kind and
2. nour-ished by the Word We seek the will of
3. nev - er thirst a - gain." Thus says the Lord who
4. make us friends of God: This mys - t'ry far be -



1. gra - cious God, whose reign is lib - er - ty.
2. God to do: this is our drink and food.
3. died for us, our Sav - ior, kin and friend.
4. yond our reach, yet near in heal - ing love.

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Kyrie

Kyrie, eleison.

Kyrie, eleison.

Christe, eleison.

Christe, eleison.

Kyrie, eleison.

Kyrie, eleison.

First Reading
Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being. Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and placed there the man whom he had formed.

Out of the ground the LORD God made various trees grow that were delightful to look at and good for food, with the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the animals that the LORD God had made. The serpent asked the woman, “Did God really tell you not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?”

The woman answered the serpent: “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; it is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, ‘You shall not eat it or even touch it, lest you die.’” But the serpent said to the woman: “You certainly will not die! No, God knows well that the moment you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods who know what is good and what is evil.”

The woman saw that the tree was good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 22

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 51:3–4, 5–6, 12–13, 17 (22)

Curtis Stephan

RESPONSE ($\downarrow = ca. 76$)

Capo 3: (E m) Gm

(C)
E_b

(D)
F

$$\frac{(B_m)}{D_m}$$

(Em)
Gm

Melody

Be merciful, be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Tenor (8vb)

Alto Harmony

VERSES

(Em)
Gm

(C)
E_b

1. Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;
 2. For I ac - knowledge my of - fense,
 3. A clean heart cre - ate for me, O God,
 4. Give me back the joy of your sal - vation,

in the and my and a and a

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(D) F (G) B \flat (C) E \flat

1. greatness of your com - passion wipe out my of - fense. 2. sin is be - fore me always: 3. steadfast spirit re - new with - in me. 4. willing spirit sus - tain in me.

“Against you Cast me not O Lord, Thoroughly wash me from my only have I out from your open my

(Am) Cm (B) D (Em/B) Gm/D (B) D D.C.

1. guilt and of my sin cleanse me. 2. sinned, and done what is evil in your sight.” 3. presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me. 4. lips, and my mouth shall pro - claim your praise.

D.C.

(a tempo)

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

Brothers and sisters:

Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned—for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law.

But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come. But the gift is not like the transgression.

For if by the transgression of the one, the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many.

And the gift is not like the result of the one who sinned.

For after one sin there was the judgment that brought condemnation; but the gift, after many transgressions, brought acquittal.

For if, by the transgression of the one, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ.

In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so, through one righteous act, acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Lenten Gospel Acclamation

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Sarah Hart
Acc. by Scott Soper

INTRO *Joyous* (♩ = ca. 58)

6/8 time signature, F major. Chords: F, Gm7, F/A, Bbadd9.

§ REFRAIN 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All

Glo-ry to you, Word of God, Lord Je-sus Christ!

6/8 time signature, F major. Chords: F, Gm7, F/A, Bbadd9.

To Refrain/Verse

Glo-ry to you, Word of God, Lord Je-sus Christ!

6/8 time signature, F major. Chords: F, Gm7, Bb, Bb/C. Transition to F and Fsus4.

To Refrain/Verse

F Fsus4

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Final

Christ!

Final

F Fsus4 F Fsus4 F

Fine

VERSES

Ash Wed. If to - day you hear his
 1 ABC One does not live on bread a - lone, but on
 2 AC From the shin - ing cloud the Fa - ther's voice is heard:
 3 C Re - pent, says the Lord;
 4 A I am the light of the world, says the Lord; who - ev - er
 5 C E - ven now, says the Lord, re - turn to me with your

F E♭

Ash Wed. voice, har - den not your hearts.
 1 ABC ev - ery word that comes forth from the mouth of God.
 2 AC This is my be - lov - ed Son, hear him.
 3 C king-dom of heav - en is at hand.
 4 A fol - lows me will have the light of life.
 5 C whole heart; for I am gra - cious and mer - ci - ful.

D.S.

B♭ Gm F E♭add9

D.S.

Gospel Matthew 4:1-11

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.

The tempter approached and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread.”

He said in reply, “It is written: *One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.*”

Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down.

For it is written: *He will command his angels concerning you and with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.*”

Jesus answered him, “Again it is written, *You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.*”

Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, “All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me.”

At this, Jesus said to him, “Get away, Satan!

It is written:

The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.”

Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.

Amen

Preparation of the Gifts

My Life In You

by Arnold Zamora

Where can I run and hide from you or can I ever do?

When everywhere, I know you're there

Anywhere, you'll find me.

Where could I go to flee from you or could I ever do?

When your hands keep holding me,

Guiding me around me.

Refrain:

God I know that you are there, you know who I am and all I do.

God you see me through and through,

Take my hand, I trust in you. I put my life in you.

You know me when I sit or stand, my life is in your hand.

You read my thoughts from far away in everything you know me.

You know me in my darkness hour, you give me strength and power.

You are there beside me, watching me for always.

For all the wonders that you gave me, for all the marvels that you do.

For all of these I like to thank you and praise you.

HOLY

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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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SAVE US, SAVIOR

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Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Res - ur -
rec - tion you have set us free.

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AMEN

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3/4

A - men, a - men, a - men,

a - men.

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LAMB OF GOD

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3/4

1, 2

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy,

mer - cy on us. world, grant us, grant us peace.

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Communion

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD

Christopher Walker

1-3. Be still and know that I am God. You are my

1. cho - sen one, to whom my love I give. My life is
2. cho - sen one, I came to set you free. Give me your
3. cho - sen one, to whom I show my ways. My love is

1. yours, in you I live. { Be still, be still
2. cares and rest in me. { Be still, be still
3. with you all your days. { Be still, be still

1-3. and know that I am God. 2

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PETITION

Sarah Hart



Refrain

O Lord, have mer-cy on us all, grant us your peace, bring us your heal-ing.



Verses

1. For those who tend the sick with love that knows no fear,
2. For those who teach the child with pa-tience keep-ing watch,
3. For those who serve the weak with kind-ness reach-ing out,
4. For those who free - ly give who toil with - out praise,
5. For those who point us to what's beau - ti - ful and true,
6. For those who've lost so much and fear for los - ing all,



1. be ev - er at their side. And for the suf-f'ring
2. re - fresh their wea - ry minds. And for the hun-gry
3. O be their source and help. And for the lone - ly
4. lead them to rest in you. And we who may re -
5. breathe hope in - to their songs. For all who can - not
6. O fill their cup with hope. And let us reach in



to Refrain

1. ones who lean in - to your care, with heal - ing now a - bide.
2. ones who lean on them to learn, pre - pare them in your time.
3. ones, may ev - ery heart be found and in your mer-cy, held.
4. ceive, O help us un - der-stand our debt of grat - i - tude.
5. see the ev - i - dence of you, Lord, whis - per to their hearts.
6. faith, re-mind-ing those who weep that they are not a - lone.

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Spiritual Communion Prayer

*My Jesus,
I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.*

*I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.*

*I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.*

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



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Recessional

SAVE US, O LORD

Bob Dufford, SJ

Refrain

Save us, O Lord; car-ry us back. Rouse your pow-er and come.

Verse 1

1. O Shep-herd of Is - ra - el, hear us. Re - turn and we shall be
1. saved. A - rise, O Lord; hear our cries, O Lord: bring us back!

to Refrain

Verse 2

2. How long will you hide from your peo-ple? We long to
2. see your face. Give ear to us. Draw near to us, Lord God of hosts!

to Refrain

Verse 3

3. Turn a-gain; care for your vine; pro - tect what your
3. right hand has plant-ed. Your vine-yards are tram-pled, up -
3. root-ed, and burned. Come to us, Fa - ther of might!

to Refrain

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