

**Gentle Reminder: When the lights have been lowered,  
Please use this time for silent reflection.**

# Welcome to the Church of the Ascension

*The 5:30 Vigil and 8:30 morning Masses  
are livestreamed.*

## FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 22, 2026

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT ENTRANCE ANTIPOH

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When he calls on me, I will an - swer him; I  
will de - liv - er him and give him glo - ry, I will  
grant him length of days.

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### **CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL 10:30 SUNDAY MASS** **FOUR-YEARS-OLD TO SECOND GRADE** **WE SEND YOU FORTH**

We send you forth to hear the word of the Lord,  
take these words to heart and walk in God's ways.

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## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **FIRST READING**

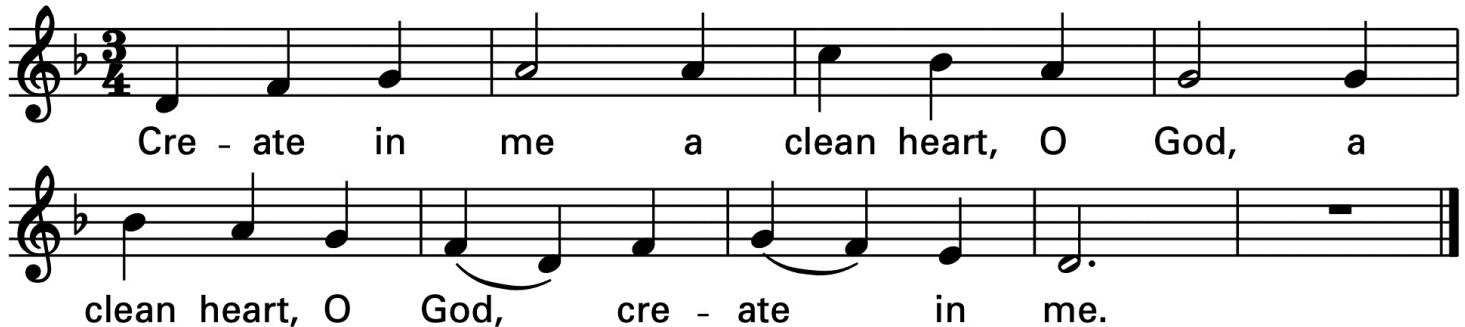
***Genesis 2: 7 - 9, 3: 1 – 7***

The Lord God created Adam and Eve and set them in the garden of Eden. They had all they needed, but the serpent tempted them, and they disobeyed God's command.

### **PSALM 51: CREATE IN ME**

Cantor first time:

Tom Kendzia



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, a  
clean heart, O God, cre - ate in me.

1. O God, in your goodness have mercy on me.  
In your compassion wipe out my offense.  
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt,  
and cleanse me from my sins.
2. For I acknowledge my offense  
and my sin is always before me;  
against only you have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in your eyes.

3. A clean heart create for me, O God,  
a steadfast spirit renew in me.  
Cast me not out from your presence,  
O God.  
Take not your Holy Spirit from me.
4. Give us back the joy of our salvation,  
and renew in us a willing spirit.  
O Lord, open my lips, Lord, open my lips.  
And we will sing your praise.

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### **SECOND READING**

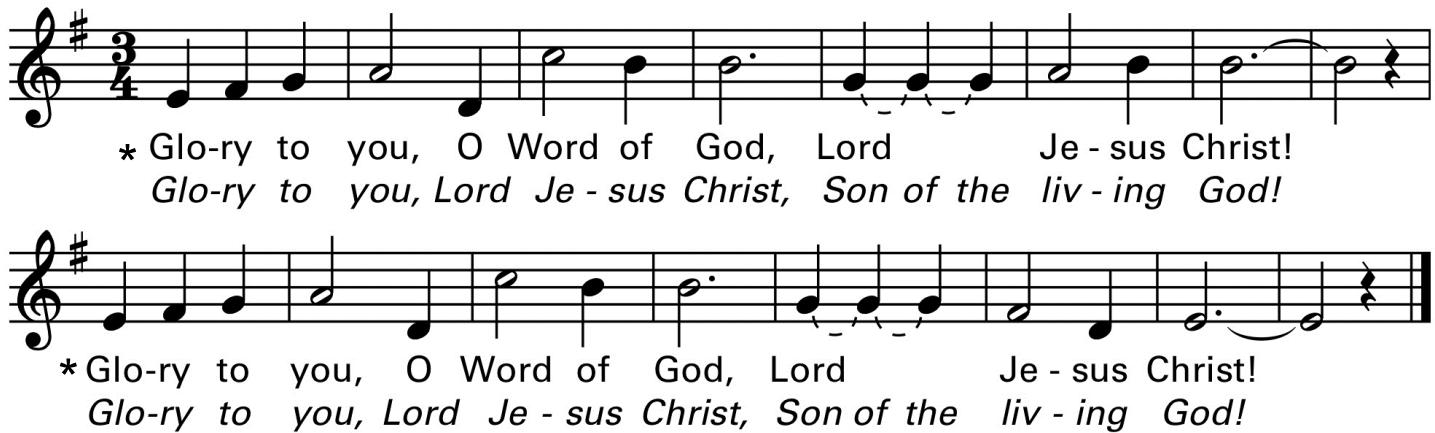
***Romans 5: 12 – 19***

Just as through Adam's disobedience all became sinners, through Christ's obedience all shall become just.

## LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor first time:

*Mass of Renewal*  
Curtis Stephan



\* Glo-ry to you, O Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ!  
*Glo-ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, Son of the liv - ing God!*

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## GOSPEL

## Matthew 4: 1 – 11

After Jesus fasted for forty days and nights in the desert, the devil tempted him in three ways. Through all these, Jesus resisted temptation and remained faithful to the Lord God. When the devil left, angels came and ministered to Jesus.

## HOMILY

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one LORD Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, Begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from

## NICENE CREED

heaven (\*A SLIGHT Bow\*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. (\*PLEASE RISE\*)

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the LORD, the giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, Who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

### THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

#### ON EAGLE'S WINGS

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in His shadow for life; say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust."

**Refrain:** And He will raise you up on eagle's wings; bear you on the breath of dawn; make you to shine like the sun; and hold you in the palm of His hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you and famine will bring you no fear. Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield.

For to his angels he's given a command to guard you in all of your ways; upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

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## EUCARISTIC PRAYERS

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

*When We Eat This Bread*

*Great Amen*

## THE COMMUNION RITE

*The LORD'S Prayer*

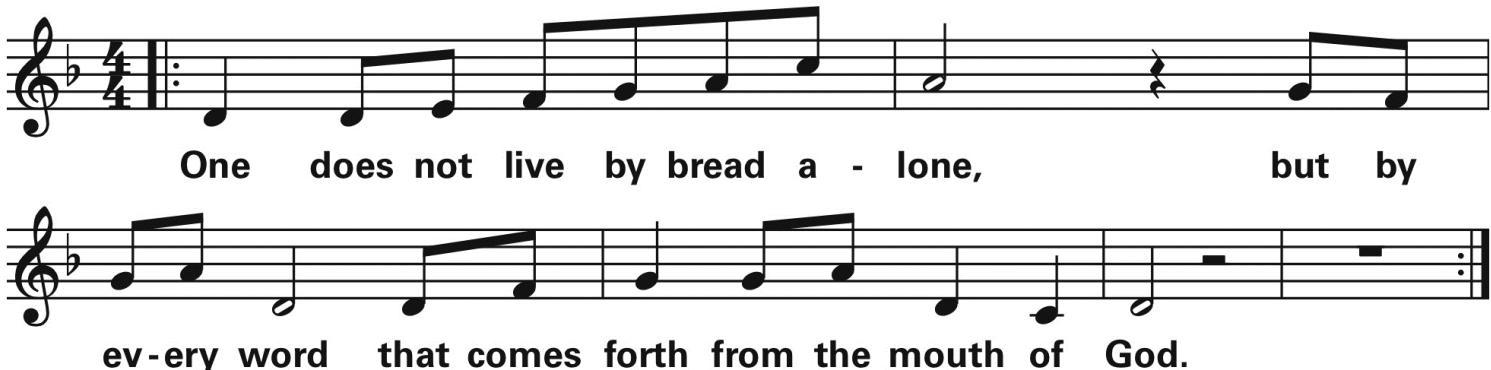
*Sign of Peace*

*Lamb of God*

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### COMMUNION ANTIphon [i]

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One does not live by bread alone, but by  
every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

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# COMMUNION SONGS

## BEYOND THE DAYS

Ricky Manalo, CSP

Refrain

Be - yond the days of hope and mys - t'ry we  
see a light of faith re - newed, and in our long - ing

1-4  
to Verses

we thirst for guid - ance to walk with you day by day.

Final Verses

day, to walk with you day by day.

1. For - ty days and
2. Not on bread a -
3. In your hands, O
4. On our Lent - en

1. nights, you guide the steps of our jour - ney. May your
2. lone are we to walk on this jour - ney. Speak the
3. God, we feel the touch of your guid - ance. Keep us
4. path we see the dawn of a new day. Be our

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to Refrain

1. pres-ence be felt in the whis - per of your voice.
2. words that give life to the yearn-ings of our hearts.
3. safe in your care: may your gen - tle-ness be there.
4. vi - sion of hope; be the prom - ise of our lives.

## REPOSITION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST (PLEASE RISE)

### SENDING FORTH

#### Change Our Hearts

Change our hearts this time, your word says it can be. Change our minds this time, your life could make us free. We are the people your call set apart, Lord, this time, change our hearts.

Brought by your hand to the edge of our dreams, one foot in paradise, one in the waste; drawn by your promises, still we are lured by the shadows and the chains we leave behind.

And change our hearts this time, your word says it can be. Change our minds this time, your life could make us free. We are the people your call set apart, Lord, this time, change our hearts. This time change our hearts. This time change our minds. This time change our hearts, change our hearts.

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