

First Sunday of Lent
February 21 & 22, 2026
St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church
North Chesterfield, Virginia

Introductory Rite

Gathering Song

The Glory of These Forty Days



1. The glo - ry of these for - ty days We cel - e -
2. A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw The lov - ing
3. So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, De - liv - ered
4. Then grant that we like them be true, Con - sumed in
5. O Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest, To you be



1. brate with songs of praise; For Christ, by whom all
2. God who gave the law; And to E - li - jah,
3. from the li - ons' might; And John, the Bride - groom's
4. fast and pray'r with you; Our spir - its strength - en
5. ev - 'ry pray'r ad - dressed; Who are in three - fold



1. things were made, Him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
2. fast - ing, came The steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
3. friend, be - came The her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
4. with your grace, And give us joy to see your face.
5. Name a - dored, From age to age the on - ly Lord.

Text: 1M; *Cantus decus jejuni*; St. Gregory the Great, ca. 540-604; tr. fr. the *English Hymnal*, 1906;
Maurice F. Bell, 1862-1947, alt. Music: J. Klug's *Geistliche Lieder*; Wittenberg, 1543;
adapt. by Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750, alt.

Greeting

Sign of the Cross

Kyrie

Mass of Wisdom

Cantor *All*
 Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.
 Cantor *All*
 Chri - ste, e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, e - le - i - son.
 Cantor *All*
 Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

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Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading – Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7.....Gather 1116

Psalm Response

Psalm 51: Be Merciful, O Lord

Gather 56

Be mer-ci-ful, O Lord, for we have sinned; be
 mer-ci-ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

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Second Reading – Romans 5:12-19.....Gather 1116

Gospel Acclamation

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Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, King of end-less glo - ry!

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Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: And with your spirit.

Homily

Nicene Creed

**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 heaven,
(all bow)
And by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man.
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.**

Prayer of the Faithful

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation of Gifts and Preparation of the Altar

On Eagle's Wings

Gather 749

Prayer over the Gifts (*Please Stand*)

Priest: Pray, brethren that my sacrifice and yours
May be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice
at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good
and the good of all his holy Church.**

Preface and Eucharistic Prayer

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

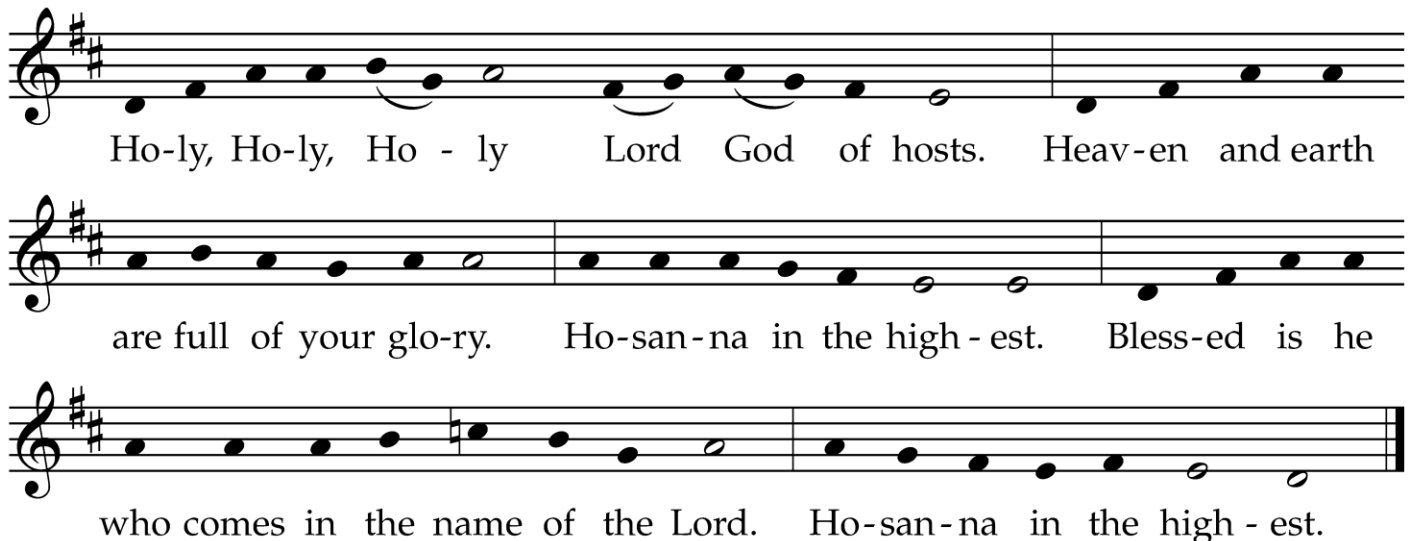
Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right and just.**

Priest: *Preface*

Holy, Holy

Missa Simplex



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. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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(Please Kneel)

Memorial Acclamation

Priest: The mystery of faith.



Save us, Sa - vior of the world,



for by your Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

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Amen



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

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(Please Stand)

Communion Rite

Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Agnus Dei

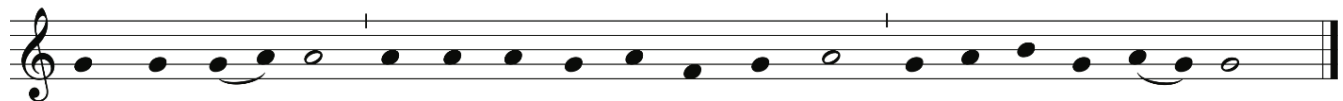
Gather 356



A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: mi - se - ré - re no - bis.



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Music: Vatican Edition XVIII

Communion Procession

All Who Hunger
Not By Bread Alone

Gather 1010
Gather 1039

Choral Anthem

Lord for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake.....Richard Farrant (1525-1580)

Concluding Rite

Sending Forth

Lift High the Cross

Gather 968

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till
all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

Verses

1. Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod, Our
2. Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign, The
3. Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied Bears
4. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree, Your

D.C.

King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
on the brow the seal of him who died.
death has bought us life e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: 1 Corinthians 1:18; George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912, and Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956, alt.; tr. By Dimas Planas-Belfort, 1934-1992 and Angel Mattos, alt.
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