

Sunday, March 1, 2026, Year A

2nd Sunday of Lent

Gathering: Beyond the Days (Manalo) (V2) ... BB131

Refrain:

Beyond the days of hope and mystery
we see a light of faith renewed,
and in our longing we thirst for guidance
to walk with you day by day.

1.

Forty days and nights,
you guide the steps of our journey.
May your presence be felt
in the whisper of your voice.

2.

Not on bread alone
are we to walk on this journey.
Speak the words that give life
to the yearnings of our hearts.

3.

In your hands, O God,
we feel the touch of your guidance.
Keep us safe in your care:
may your gentleness be there.

4.

On our Lenten path
we see the dawn of a new day.
Be our vision of hope;
be the promise of our lives.

Kyrie Eleison: Mass of John Carroll (Joncas) ... H/O

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

Responsorial: Be Merciful, O Lord-Ps51 (Angrisano)

We come before you; cleanse us from within.
Have mercy on us Lord.

Verse 1

Have mercy on me in your goodness, Lord.
In your great compassion wipe out my offense.
Wash me from guilt, Lord, cleanse me from my sin.
Have mercy on me Lord.

Refrain

Verse 2

Create a clean heart for me, O God.
And a steadfast spirit, renew within me.
Cast me not out from your presence, O Lord.
Take not your Spirit from me.

Refrain

Verse 3

Give me the joy of your salvation, Lord.
And a willing spirit sustain within me.
Open my lips, let my mouth proclaim your praise.
Have mercy on me, Lord.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Lenten Gospel Acclamation (Canedo & Hurd)

“Praise and Honor to you O Lord, Jesus Christ.”

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Homily

Universal Intercessions

Response: God of Justice, hear our prayer.

(God of Justice, hear our prayer.)

That God, who loves justice, righteousness, and the equality of all people may be the strength and guiding light of world leaders, so that all people may walk in the ways of life, peace, and faith, let us pray...

For courage: that we, like Abram and Sarah, may go forth from all that is familiar to new places and relationships into which God leads us, let us pray...

For all the descendants of Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar, for Jews, Muslims, and Christians: that we honor all that we share in common and work together to overcome the thirst for power that ensnares human hearts, let us pray...

For the gift of peace: that God will turn hearts from violence and open new pathways for cooperation so that all might live in safety, let us pray...

For what other intentions do we want to pray...

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts: Transfiguration (Manalo) ... BB127

Jesus on the mountain peak,
stands alone in glory blazing.
Let us, if we dare to speak,
join the saints and angels praising.

Refrain: Praise and glory, praise and glory,
praise and glory to our Lord!
Let us, if we dare to speak,
join the saints and angels praising.

Trembling at His feet we saw,
Moses and Elijah speaking.
All the prophets and the law,
shout through them their joyful greeting.

Swift the cloud of glory came,
God, proclaiming in its thunder,
Jesus as the Son by name!
Nations, cry aloud in wonder.

Jesus is the chosen one,
living hope of ev'ry nation,
Hear and heed Him, ev'ry one,
sing with Earth and all creation.

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Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.  
**Blessed be God forever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.  
**Blessed be God forever.**

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**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.**

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that, through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*The Eucharistic Prayer* (if you are watching the video or listening to the audio, please follow along and participate with Fr. Jack; and continue with the Communion Songs below.)

**Holy: Mass of Christ the Savior (Schutte) ... BB897**

**Mem: Kauffman Renewal-Save Us Savior (Gokelman & Kauffman) ... H/O**

**Amen: Christ the Savior (Schutte) ... BB901**

**Lamb: Christ the Savior (Schutte) ... BB9052**

**Communion: I Myself Am the Bread of Life (Cooney) ... G593**

**Refrain:** I myself, am the bread of life

You and I are the bread of life

Taken and blessed

Broken and shared by Christ

That the world might live

**This bread is spirit**

Gift of the maker's love

And we who share it

Know that we can be one

A living sign of God in Christ

**Here is God's kingdom**

Given to us as food

This is our body

This is our blood  
A living sign of God in Christ

**Lives broken open**

Stories shared aloud  
Become a banquet  
A shelter for the world  
A living sign of God in Christ

**I myself, I'm the bread of life (that the world might live)**

I myself, I'm the bread of life (that the world might live)

**Communion Meditation: God of Mercy (Manalo) ... BB51**

(Refrain) God of mercy, holy mystery, ever faithful one,  
You have pitched your tent among us, reconciling love.  
Heart and mind of Christ, live within our lives,  
Form us into people of mercy and grace.

(V1) You have called us each by name in your great compassion,  
Encompassing our failings with your mercy.  
God of mercy, lead us.

(V2) Slow to anger, rich in love, you bestow forgiveness.  
May we, in turn, forgive those who harm us.  
God of mercy, lead us.

(V3) In our midst as one who serves, breaking down divisions,  
To all in need you send us as neighbor.  
God of mercy, lead us.

(V4) Reaching out to those in pain, wounded and abandoned,  
May we create safe haven for healing.  
God of mercy, lead us.

(V5) In the word of truth you speak, word of hope and challenge,  
You summon us to speak for the voiceless.  
God of mercy, lead us.

(V6) In this Bread we break and share, in this Cup of blessing,  
You summon us to work for true justice.  
God of mercy, lead us.

### **Closing Prayer**

Let us pray: Grant that our faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen**

Go in peace,  
Thanks be to God.

### **Sending: Shine, Jesus, Shine! (Kendrick) ... H/O & 210-pews**

Lord, the light of Your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness, shining  
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us  
Shine on me, shine on me

[Chorus]

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy  
Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light

[Verse 2]

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence  
From the shadows into Your radiance  
By the blood, I may enter Your brightness  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness  
Shine on me, shine on me