

**Sunday, March 8, 2026, Year A
3rd Sunday of Lent**

Gathering: Beyond the Days (Manalo) (V3) ... 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.

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

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

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Responsorial: If Today-Ps51 (Hurd/Bellamy) ... H/O & 207-pews

Refrain: If today you hear the voice of God, if today you hear God's own voice.
Harden not your hearts, harden not your hearts, harden not your hearts, today.

V1 Sing out, oh people, with songs of gladness.
Let us proclaim the rock of our salvation.

V2 Come, let us worship the God who made us,
The one who guides and shepherds us with love.

V3 O do not harden your hearts, O people.
As did your parents when tested in the wilderness.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Lenten Gospel Acclamation

"Praise and Honor to you O Lord, Jesus Christ."

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Homily

First Scrutiny: We Will Journey in Faith (Schutte) ... H/O & 213-pews

(Refrain 1) *"We will journey in faith by the light of Christ,
and will live by his Gospel in spirit and truth."*

(Refrain 2) *"May you journey in faith by the light of Christ.
May you live by his Gospel in spirit and truth."*

(V1) *"Let us seek with our minds the truth of Christ, who taught us the wisdom of God."*

(V2) *"Let us speak with our lips the peace of Christ, the healing and hope of our God."*

Universal Intercessions

Response: God of the marginalized, hear our prayer.

(God of the marginalized, hear our prayer.)

For the Church, that we may be a source of living water for all who thirst for meaning and purpose in their lives, let us pray...

For greater recognition of the ministry of women: that we may be open to and encouraging of the ministerial gifts of women who bring the Good News to our communities, let us pray...

That, as our elect await the gift of God, they may long with all their hearts for the living water that springs up to eternal life, let us pray...

That by accepting the Son of God as their teacher, our elect may become true worshipers of God in spirit and in truth, let us pray...

That the Holy Spirit, who searches every heart, may strengthen our elect in their weakness, let us pray...

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

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Prep 5pm/8am: Come to the Water (Foley SJ) ... BB592

1. O let all who thirst,
let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing,
let them come to the Lord:
without money, without price.
Why should you pay the price,
except for the Lord?

2. And let all who seek,
let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing,
let them come to the Lord:
without money, without strife.
Why should you spend your life,
except for the Lord?

3. And let all who toil,
let them come to the water.
And let all who are weary,
let them come to the Lord:
all who labor, without rest.
How can your soul find rest,
except for the Lord?

4. And let all the poor,
let them come to the water,
Bring the ones who are laden,
bring them all to the Lord:
bring the children without might.
Easy the load and light:
come to the Lord.

Prep 10am: Come to Me and Drink (Hurd) ... BB369

Come to Me and Drink
Bob Hurd

[Refrain]
Come to me and drink, come to me and drink.
Oh, let all who are thirsting come to me and drink.

[Verse 1]

I will put my spirit within you
and you shall live and know that I am the Lord.

[Refrain]

[Verse 2]

I will pour my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy.

[Refrain]

[Verse 3]

Rivers of living water will flow
from within the one who believes in me.

[Refrain]

[Verse 4]

Into our hearts the love of God
has been poured through the Spirit that dwells within.

[Refrain]

[Verse 5]

As the deer longs for running streams,
so my soul is longing for you, O God.

[Refrain]

[Verse 6]

My soul is thirsting for God;
when can I go to see the face of God?

[Refrain]

[Verse 7]

Tears are my food by day and night,
and all the while they say: "Where is your God?"

[Refrain]

[Verse 8]

O God, deep calls unto deep

as your mighty waters sweep over me.

[Refrain]

[Verse 9]

Hope in God, O my soul,
again I shall praise my saving God.

[Refrain]

[Verse 10]

Send forth your light and your truth,
and they shall lead me to your dwelling place.

[Refrain]

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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: Let Us Be Bread (Porter) ... G595**

Refrain:

Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord,  
broken and shared, life for the world.  
Let us be wine, love freely poured.  
Let us be one in the Lord.

1 I am the bread of life, broken for all.  
Eat now and hunger no more. [Refrain]

2 You are my friends if you keep my commands,  
no longer servants but friends. [Refrain]

3 See how my people have nothing to eat.  
Give them the bread that is you. [Refrain]

4 As God has loved me so I have loved you.  
Go and live on in my love. [Refrain]

## **Communion Meditation: A Place At the Table (Murray) ... H/O & 202-pews**

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
for everyone born, a star over head.

[Refrain] And God will delight  
when we are creators of justice and joy,  
Yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice, and joy.

For woman and man, a place at the table,  
revising the roles, deciding to share,  
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,  
for woman and man, a system that's fair. [Refrain]

For young and for old, a place at the table,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to belong. [Refrain]

For just and unjust, a place at the table.  
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,  
in anger, in hurt, a mind-set of mercy,  
for just and unjust, a new way to live. [Refrain]

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
for everyone born, the right to be free. [Refrain]

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
a covenant shared, a welcoming space,  
a rainbow of race and gender and color,  
for everyone born, the chalice of grace. [Refrain]

### **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: In These Days of Lenten Journey (Manalo) ... BB135**

Refrain: In these days of Lenten journey  
we have seen and we have heard  
the call to sow justice in the lives of those we serve.

1. We reach out to those who are homeless,  
to those who live without warmth.  
In the coolness of evening we'll shelter their dreams;  
we will clothe them in mercy and peace.

2. We open our eyes to the hungry,  
and see the faces of Christ.  
As we nourish all people who hunger for food,  
may their faith in our God be renewed.

3. We open our ears to the weary  
and hear the cry of the poor.  
To the voices that echo the song of despair,

we will show our compassion and care.

4. We call on the Spirit of Justice  
and pray for the righteousness' sake.  
We will sing for the freedom of all the oppressed;  
we will loosen the bonds of distress.