



Corpus Christi Church

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Laetare Sunday

March 15, 2026

Pastor
Fr. Leo J Edgerly Jr

In Residence
Fr. Basil De Pinto

Guest Celebrants
Fr. Paul R. Vassar
Fr. Kwame Assenyoh

Gathering Song *Beyond the Days* by Ricky Manalo

Beyond the days_ of hope and myst'ry
we see a light_ of faith renewed,
And in our long-ing, we thirst for gui-dance,
to walk with you day by day.

1. In your hands, O God, we feel the touch of your guidance.
Keep_ us_ safe in your care, may your gentleness be there.

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1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

The LORD said to Samuel:
"Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way.
I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem,
for I have chosen my king from among his sons."

As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice,
Samuel looked at Eliab and thought,
"Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him."
But the LORD said to Samuel:
"Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty
stature, because I have rejected him.
Not as man sees does God see,
because man sees the appearance
but the LORD looks into the heart."
In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before
Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse,
"The LORD has not chosen any one of these."
Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?"
Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, who is tending the
sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not begin
the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here."
Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them.
He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold
and making a splendid appearance.
The LORD said, "There—anoint him, for this is the one!"
Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David
in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on,
the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

Psalm 23



My shep-herd is the Lord, there is no-thing I shall need.



Be-side the rest-ful wa-ters my God re-fresh-es me.

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Ephesians 5:8-14

Brothers and sisters:
You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.
Live as children of light,
for light produces every kind of goodness
and righteousness and truth.
Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.
Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness;
rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention
the things done by them in secret;
but everything exposed by the light becomes visible,
for everything that becomes visible is light.
Therefore, it says: "Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

Lenten Gospel Acclamation

O Word of God by Ricky Manalo

O Word of God_ come into this space,
O Word of God_ come send us your grace.
Open our minds, show us your truth,
trans-form our lives a-new.

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John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth.
He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva,
and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him,
"Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent —.
So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a
beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?"
Some said, "It is," but others said,
"No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am."

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees.
Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes
on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him
how he was able to see. He said to them,
"He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see."

So some of the Pharisees said,
"This man is not from God,
because he does not keep the sabbath."
But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?"
And there was a division among them.
So they said to the blind man again,
"What do you have to say about him,
since he opened your eyes?"
He said, "He is a prophet."

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John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

They answered and said to him,
"You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to
teach us?" Then they threw him out.
When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out,
he found him and said,
"Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
He answered and said,
"Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?"
Jesus said to him,
"You have seen him, and
the one speaking with you is he."
He said,
"I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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 Table



To Know Him by M. Roger Holland II

To know him, is to love. To love him, is to serve him.
To serve him, is to live_ your_ life_
accord-ing to_ his word.

To live_ a life, that is pleasing in_ your sight.
A loving heart, is better than sa-cri-fice.
Fast_ and pray, stay in the narrow way.
Trusting and believing in the Lord.

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Eucharistic Acclamations

Mass of the Incarnate Word - by Bob Hurd

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Lord_ God of Hosts
Hea-ven and earth, are full_ of your glo-ry
Hosan-na, Hosan-na, in the high-est!
Blest is he, Blest is he,
who comes_ in the name_ of the Lord.
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Mystery of Faith

Amen

We proclaim_ your death O Lord
And profess_ your resurrection, Until you come_ a-gain.

Lamb of God Litany

Lamb of God, you take_ away_ the sins of the world:
Have mer-cy_ on us. 2x
(final x) Grant us Peace

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Communion

I Make All Things New by Kauffman/Gokelman

In the desert I make a river,
In the wasteland I make a way;
See I make all things new.

You my precious and holy child
Do not be afraid. I am restoring your very life,
This is the promise I made.

I am gath'ring your heart again,
your past has surrendered to me.
Loosen your stronghold on unbelief,
Open these new eyes to see.

I would trade nations for you,
stop the wind to restore you
O hear me now calling your name.
Today I will mend you, today I'll defend you;
Tomorrow I'll do the same.

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Sending Forth *Benediction by Curtis Stephan*

May the peace of God, be with you.
May the favor of the Lord, up-on you rest.
May his grace upon you shine, and give you light in dark-est times.
May the peace of God_ be yours.

May the love of God, be with you.
May your faithful trust in him, never fail.
May he shower you with grace, may you feel his warm embrace.
May the love of God_ be yours.

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