

Gentle Reminder: When the lights have been lowered, please use this time for silent reflection. The 5:30 Vigil and 8:15 morning Masses are livestreamed.

Welcome to the Church of the Ascension

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
(5:30, 8:15, & 10:30 Masses)**

March 17, 2024

Change Our Hearts

Refrain: 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.

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**CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL
8:15 & 10:30 SUNDAY MASSES
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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 31: 31 – 34

God says, "I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel....I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people.... I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more."

PSALM 51: CREATE IN ME

Cantor first time:

Tom Kendzia



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| 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. | 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. |
| 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. | 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

HEBREWS 5: 7 – 9

When Jesus was in the flesh, he prayed constantly to God. Through his prayer and obedience, Jesus became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Lenten Gospel Acclamation
Mass of Renewal - Curtis Stephan

Cantor first time:

Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Glory to
you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

One does not live on bread alone but on every word that
comes forth from the mouth of God!

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GOSPEL

JOHN 12: 20 – 33

Only if "a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies" will it
bear fruit.

HOMILY



*Amen, amen, I say to you,
unless a grain of wheat falls to
the ground and dies,
it remains just a grain of wheat;
but if it dies, it produces much fruit.*

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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 (**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

Unless A Grain of Wheat

Refrain: Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground
and die, it remains but a single grain
with no life.

- 1.If we have died with him, then we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.
- 2.If anyone serves me, then they must follow me; wherever I am, my servants will be.
- 3.Make your home in me as I make mine in you, those who remain in me bear much fruit.
- 4.If you remain in me and my word lives in you; then you will be my disciples.
- 5.Those who love me are loved by my Father; we shall be with them and dwell in them.
- 6.Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you; peace which the world cannot give is my gift.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

HOLY

Holy, holy, holy LORD God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

When We Eat this Bread

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again, until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

The LORD'S Prayer

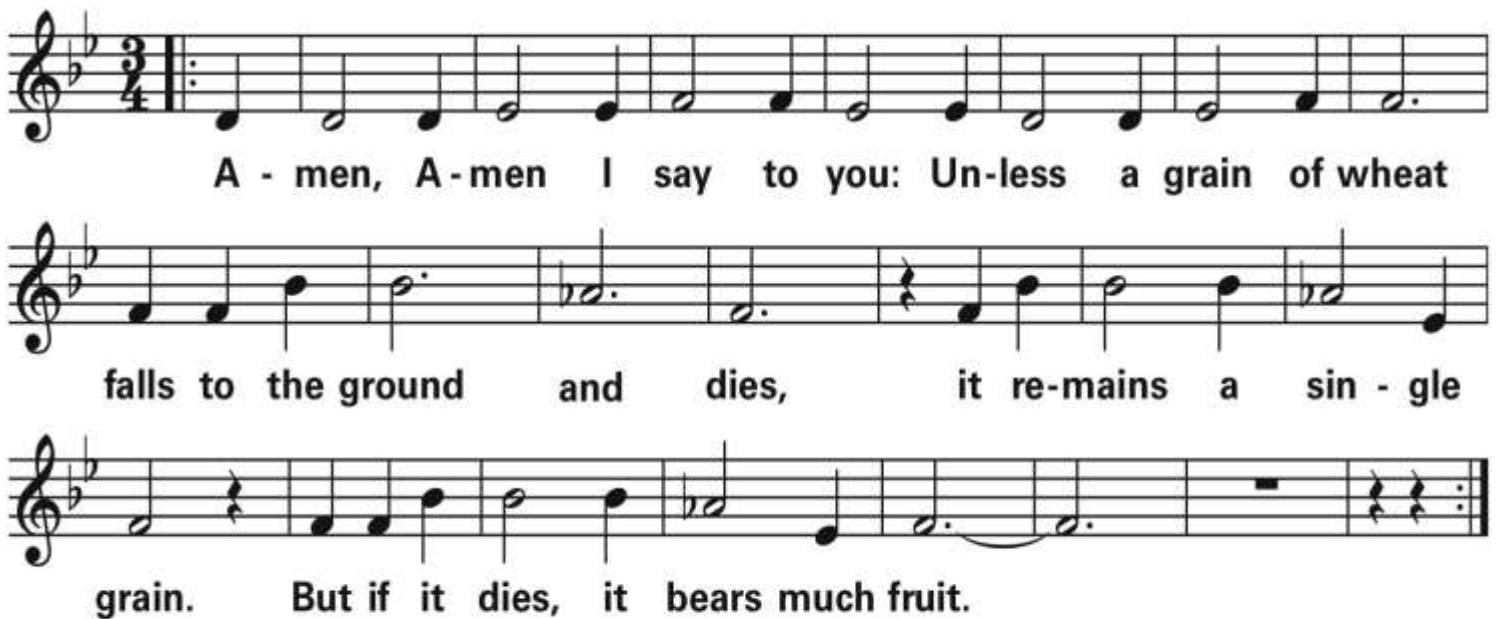
Exchange of Peace

Lamb of God

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

COMMUNION ANTIPHON [III]

Steve Angrisano, Sarah Hart, and Curtis Stephan



A - men, A - men I say to you: Un-less a grain of wheat
falls to the ground and dies, it re-mains a sin - gle
grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

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COMMUNION SONG

Eye Has Not Seen

Refrain: Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has ready for those who love him; Spirit of love, come, give us the mind of Jesus, teach us the wisdom of God.

When pain and sorrow weigh us down, be near to us, O LORD, forgive the weakness of our faith, and bear us up within your peaceful word.

Our lives are but a single breath we flower and we fade, yet all our days are in your hands, so we return in love what love has made.

To those who see with eyes of faith, the LORD is ever near, reflected in the faces, of all the poor and lowly of the world.

We sing a myst'ry from the past in halls where saints have trod, yet ever new the music rings to Jesus, Living Song of God.

Text: 1 Corinthians 2: 9 – 10; Marty Haugen, b. 1950. Music: Marty Haugen © 1982, 1983, G.I.A. Publications

SENDING FORTH

Though the Mountains May Fall

Refrain: Though the mountains may fall and the hills turn to dust, yet the love of the Lord will stand as a shelter for all who will call on his name. Sing the praise and the glory of God.

Could the Lord ever leave you? Could the Lord forget his love? Though a mother forsake her child, he will not abandon you.

Text: Based on Isaiah 54: 6 – 10, 49: 15, 40: 31 – 32; Dan Schutte, b. 1947. Music: Dan Schutte. Text and Music © 1975, Daniel L. Schutte and New Dawn Music.

Gentle Reminder:

Next weekend is Palm Sunday.

**We will start in the Commons, where you will
receive your palms.**

**For those who have mobility issues,
please feel free to be seated in the Sanctuary
before Mass.**

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John 12:20-33

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