

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
EAST GREENBUSH – NEW YORK



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026
Order of Service

ENTRANCE HYMN: LED BY THE SPIRIT

KINGSFOLD



1. Led by the Spir - it of our God, we go to fast and
 2. Led by the Spir - it, we con - front temp - ta - tion face to
 3. Led by the Spir - it, now draw near the wa - ters of re -
 4. Led by the Spir - it, now sing praise to God the Trin - i -

1. pray With Christ in - to the wil - der - ness; we join his
 2. face, And know full well we must re - ly on God's re -
 3. birth With hearts that long to wor - ship God in spir - it
 4. ty: The Source of Life, the liv - ing Word made flesh to

1. pas - chal way. "Rend not your gar - ments, rend your hearts. Turn
 2. deem - ing grace. On bread a - lone we can - not live, but
 3. and in truth. "Who - ev - er drinks the drink I give shall
 4. set us free, The Spir - it blow - ing where it will to

1. back your lives to me." Thus says our kind and
 2. nour - ished by the Word We seek the will of
 3. nev - er thirst a - gain." Thus says the Lord who
 4. make us friends of God: This mys - t'ry far be -

1. gra - cious God, whose reign is lib - er - ty.
 2. God to do: this is our drink and food.
 3. died for us, our Sav - ior, kin and friend.
 4. yond our reach, yet near in heal - ing love.

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✠ PENITENTIAL RITE:

Priest: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

People: *For we have sinned against you.*

Priest: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

People: *And grant us your salvation.*

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us....to everlasting life. *R Amen*



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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7



A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being. Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and placed there the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made various trees grow that were delightful to look at and good for food, with the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the

knowledge of good and evil. Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the animals that the LORD God had made. The serpent asked the woman, "Did God really tell you not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?" The woman answered the serpent: "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; it is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, 'You shall not eat it or even touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman: "You certainly will not die! No, God knows well that the moment you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods who know what is good and what is evil." The woman saw that the tree was good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. The word of the Lord.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM—PSAM 51: BE MERCIFUL, O LORD

Refrain

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

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters: of the one who was to come. But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one, the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many. And the gift is not like the result of the one who sinned. For after one sin there was the judgment that brought condemnation; but the gift, after many transgressions, brought acquittal. For if, by the transgression of the one, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ. In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so, through one righteous act, acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous. The word of the Lord.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

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GOSPEL READING: Matthew 4:1-11

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." He said in reply, "It is written: One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: He will command his angels concerning you and with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone." Jesus answered him, "Again it is written, *You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.*" Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written: *The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.*" Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him. The gospel of the Lord.

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† PROFESSION OF FAITH

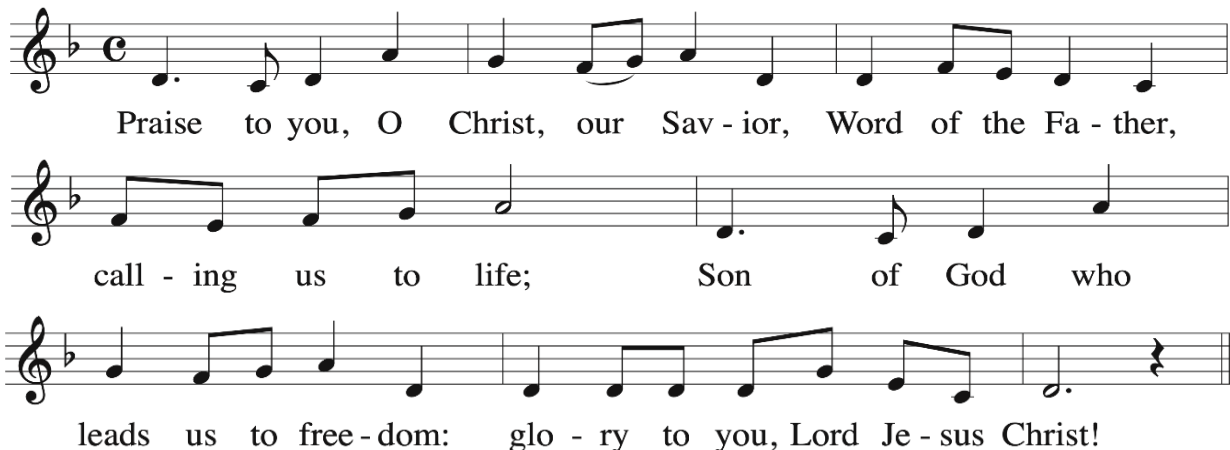
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, 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.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

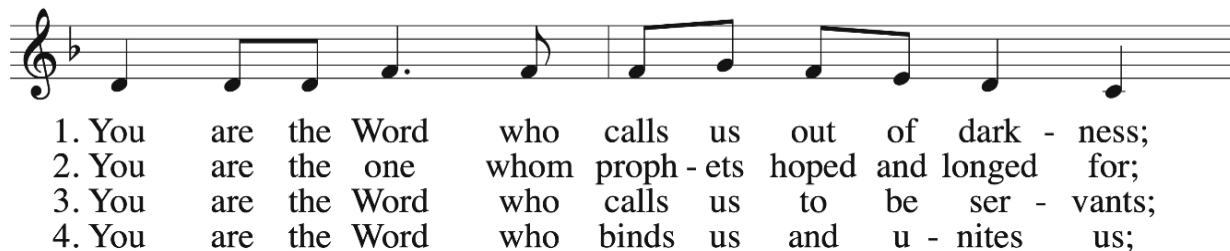
OFFERTORY HYMN: PRAISE TO YOU O CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR

Refrain



Praise to you, O Christ, our Sav - ior, Word of the Fa - ther,
 call - ing us to life; Son of God who
 leads us to free - dom: glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!

Verses



1. You are the Word who calls us out of dark - ness;
 2. You are the one whom proph - ets hoped and longed for;
 3. You are the Word who calls us to be ser - vants;
 4. You are the Word who binds us and u - nites us;

you are the Word who leads us in - to light;
you are the one who speaks to us to - day;
you are the Word whose on - ly law is love;
you are the Word who calls us to be one;

you are the Word who brings us through the des - ert:
you are the one who leads us to our fu - ture:
you are the Word - made - flesh who lives a - mong us:
you are the Word who teach - es us for - give - ness: **D.C.**

glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!
glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!
glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!
glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!

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✠ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



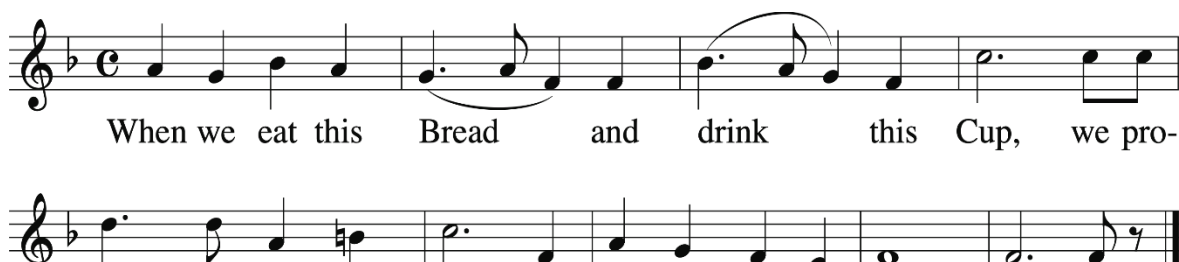
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high-est.

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✠ MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION




When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-
claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

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✠ GREAT AMEN



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

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✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

✠ LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the

world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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COMMUNION HYM: TREE OF LIFE

1. Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, In your
 2. Seed that dies to rise in glo - ry, May we
 3. We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, Love passed
 4. Gen - tle Je - sus, might - y Spir - it, Come in -
 5. Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, Stum - bling

death we are re - born, Though you die in all of
 see our - selves in you, If we learn to live your
 on through act and word, Ev - 'ry per - son lost and
 flame our hearts a - new, We may all your joy in -
 though our steps may be, One with you in joy and

his - t'ry, Still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, Still you
 sto - ry We may die to rise a - new, We may
 bro - ken Wears the bod - y of our Lord, Wears the
 her - it If we bear the cross with you, If we
 sor - row, We the riv - er, you the sea, We the




rise with ev - 'ry morn.
die to rise a - new.
bod - y of our Lord.
bear the cross with you.
riv - er, you the sea.

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HYMN OF THANKSGIVING


RECESSIONAL HYMN: FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS



1. For - ty days and for - ty nights You were fast - ing
2. Shall not we your sor - row share And from world - ly
3. Then, if Sa - tan on us press, Flesh or spir - it
4. So shall we have peace di - vine; Ho - lier glad - ness
5. Keep, O keep us, Sav - ior dear, Ev - er con - stant



in the wild; For - ty days and for - ty nights
joys ab - stain, Fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer,
to as - sail, Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness,
ours shall be. 'Round us, too, shall an - gels shine,
by your side, That with you we may ap - pear



Tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
Strong with you to suf - fer pain?
Grant we may not faint nor fail!
Such as served you faith - ful - ly.
At the e - ter - nal East - er - tide.

Text: George H. Smyttan, 1822–1870, alt.

Tune: HEINLEIN, 7 7 7 7; attr. to Martin Herbst, 1654–1681, *Nürnbergisches Gesangbuch*, 1676