

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 22, 2026

GATHERING: *We focus our attention on the cross of Jesus Christ*

PENITENTIAL ACT: *Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD see [Readings](#)

Responsorial Psalm 51: *Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned!*

Prayer of the Faithful: *You may un-mute and share your prayers.*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts: *The God of Second Chances*

1. Come now, O God of second chances; open our lives to heal.
Remove our hate, and melt our rage. Save us from ourselves.
2. Come now, O God, release our demons; open our eyes to see
the shame within, our guilt and pain. Mend us; make us whole.
3. Come now, O God, and still our anger; open our minds to peace.
Embrace our fear, and hold us close. Calm the storm within.
4. Come now, O God, shake our resentment; open our way to choose
the way of love over revenge. Show us a new way.
5. Come now, O God, and grant compassion; open our hearts to love.
May we let go of all our hurt. Help us to move on.
6. Come now, O God of second chances, may we forgive ourselves,
may we become your living sign: Children of God's love.

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My Sunday Offering to God



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Spiritual Communion Prayer

Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Communion Song: *Change Our Hearts*

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.

1. 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.
2. Now as we watch you stretch out your hands, offering abundances, fullness of joy.
Your milk and honey seem distant, unreal, when we have bread and water in our hands.
3. Show us the way that leads to your side, over the mountains and sands of the soul.
Be for us manna, water from stone, light which says we never walk alone.

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Sending Forth Song: *Jerusalem, My Destiny*

I have fixed my eyes on your hills, Jerusalem, my destiny!

Though I cannot see the end for me, I cannot turn away.

We have set our hearts for the way; this journey is our destiny.

Let no one walk alone. The journey makes us one.

1. Other spirits, lesser gods, have courted me with lies.
Here among you I have found a truth which bids me rise.
2. See, I leave the past behind; a new land calls to me.
Here among you now I find a glimpse of what might be.
3. In my thirst, you let me drink the waters of your life.
Here among you I have met the savior, Jesus Christ.

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