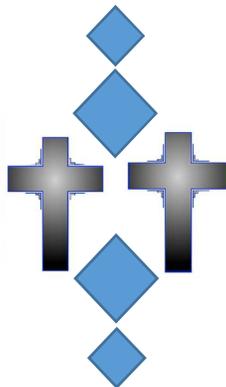


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2nd Sunday in Lent, March 1, 2026

GATHERING HYMN

LED BY THE SPIRIT

KINGSFOLD



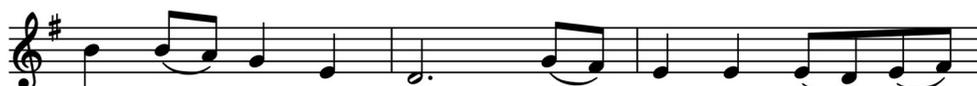
1. Led by the Spir - it of our God, we go to fast and
2. Led by the Spir - it, we con - front temp - ta - tion face to
3. Led by the Spir - it, now draw near the wa - ters of re -
4. Led by the Spir - it, now sing praise to God the Trin - i -



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 -



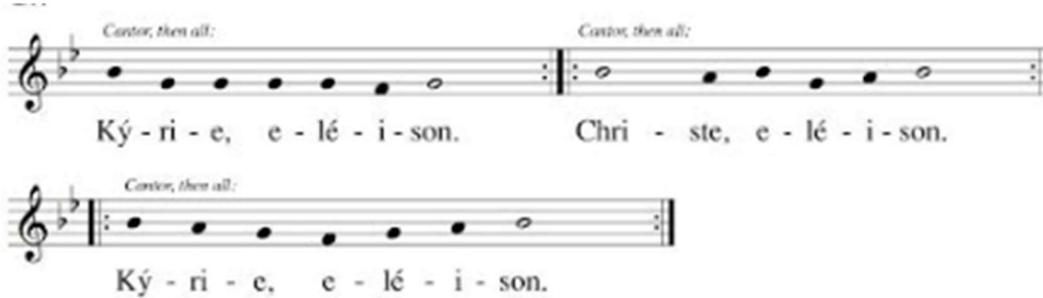
1. gra - cious God, whose reign is lib - er - ty.
2. God to do: this is our drink and food.
3. died for us, our Sav - ior, kin and friend.
4. yond our reach, yet near in heal - ing love.

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THE CONFITEOR:

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.



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FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-4a(25A)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22



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Upright is the word of the Lord,
and all his works are trustworthy.
He loves justice and right;
of the kindness of the Lord
The earth is full. R

See, the eyes of the Lord are upon
those who fear him,
upon those who hope for
his kindness,

to deliver them from death
and preserve them in spite
of famine. R

Our soul waits for the Lord,
who is our help and our shield.
May your kindness, O Lord,
be upon us
who have put our hope in you. R

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION [Please stand]

Glo-ry to you, O Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ!
Glo-ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, Son of the liv - ing God!

Glo-ry to you, O Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ!
Glo-ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, Son of the liv - ing God!

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Verse: From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
This is my beloved son, hear him . R

GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

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Tree of Life



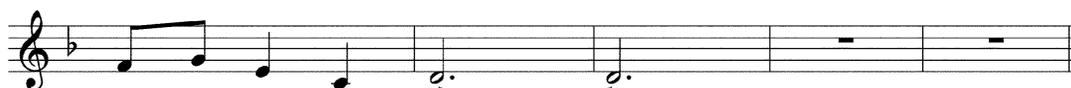
1. Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, In your
 2. Seed that dies to rise in glo - ry, May we
 3. We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, Love passed
 4. Gen - tle Je - sus, might - y Spir - it, Come in -
 5. Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, Stum - bling



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



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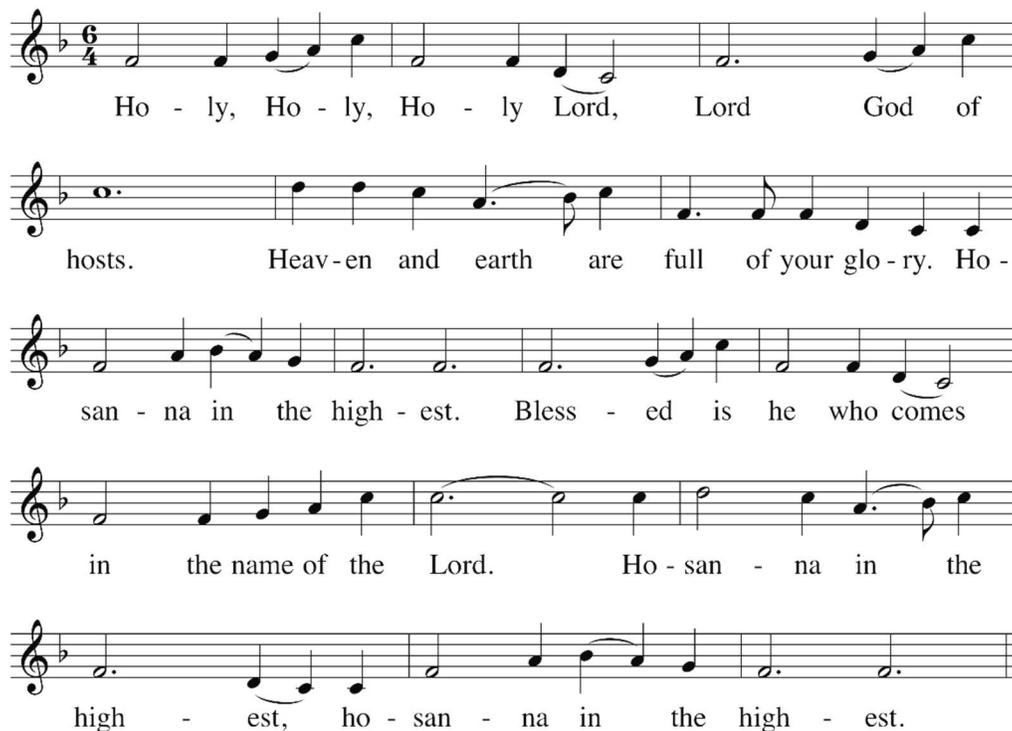
Lenten Verses:

General: Light of life beyond conceiving, Mighty Spirit of our Lord;
 Give new strength to our believing, Give us faith to live your word.

2nd Sunday: In our call to be a blessing, May we be a blessing true;
 May we live and die confessing Christ as Lord of all we do.

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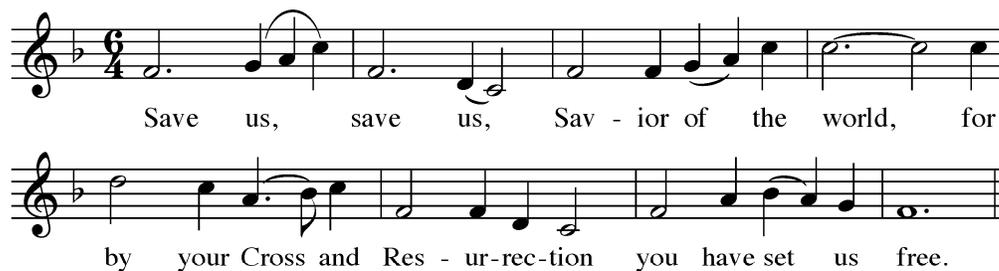
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
hosts. Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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MYSTERY OF FAITH



Save us, save us, Sav - ior of the world, for
by your Cross and Res - ur-rec-tion you have set us free.

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GREAT AMEN



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

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LAMB OF GOD

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "have mer-cy on us. grant us peace." The second staff is divided into two sections: "To repeat" and "Last time".

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~COMMUNION RITE~

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- V.** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lord.
- R.** Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

(For the communion procession, we ask that you form two lines in the center aisle, starting from the front, one row at a time, and then return to your pew by the side aisles. All are welcome to join in the communion procession. If you are not Catholic, or for spiritual, medical, or other reasons receiving Communion is not the right choice for you today, you can still come forward for a blessing. Simply fold your arms across your chest as you approach the priest or deacon.)

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TRANSFIGURE US, O LORD

Bob Hurd

Refrain



Trans - fig - ure us, O Lord, trans - fig - ure us, O Lord.



Break the chains that bind us; speak your heal - ing word, and



where you lead we'll fol - low. Trans - fig - ure us, O Lord.

Verses



1. Down from heights of glo - ry in - to the depths be - low, the
2. Light for those in dark - ness, the hun - gry have their fill, glad
3. Par - don for the sin - ner, a shep - herd for the sheep, a
4. To the ho - ly cit - y, Je - ru - sa - lem, you go; your



1. love of God self - emp - tied, the love of God to show. You
2. tid - ings for the hum - ble, the heal - ing of all ills; in
3. drink of liv - ing wa - ter for all who thirst and seek, and
4. face set toward the end - ing, the cross to be your throne. ♪



to Refrain

1. light the path be - fore us, the way that we must go.
2. these we glimpse your glo - ry, God's prom - is - es ful - filled.
3. feast - ing at your ta - ble, the low - ly and the least.
4. Shall we jour - ney with you and share your pasch - al road?

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

From Ashes to the Living Font



1. From ash - es to the liv - ing font Your
 2. Through fast - ing, prayer, and char - i - ty Your
 3. *(below)*
 4. From ash - es to the liv - ing font Your



Church must jour - ney, Lord, Bap - tized in grace, in
 voice speaks deep with - in, Re - turn - ing us to
 Church must jour - ney still, Through cross and tomb to



grace re - newed By your most ho - ly word.
 ways of truth And turn - ing us from sin.
 Eas - ter joy, In Spir - it - fire ful - filled.

Year A
Sundays I & II

3. From desert to the mountaintop
 In Christ our way we see,
 So, tempered by temptation's might
 We might transfigured be.

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The Prayer of Saint Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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The Pope's prayer intention for March:

For disarmament and peace: Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



Your Questions Addressed

February 28 & March 1

Why Do We Sometimes Struggle with Church Teachings?

Answered by: Deacon Mike McDonald

Struggling with any belief is a very human experience. It happens for several important reasons.

One reason we struggle is because believing is not the same as knowing. In life, we can often check answers in a book or run an experiment to see results right away. Church beliefs deal with God, meaning, and life after death—things we cannot see or measure easily. Because of this, it can feel uncomfortable to trust ideas that require faith instead of proof.

We all ask questions as we grow. As children, we often accept what adults tell us. But as we get older, our brains develop and we begin to think more independently. We ask “why” more often. When Church teachings seem confusing or hard to understand, doubts can appear. This questioning is not wrong—it is actually a sign that we are thinking seriously.

Our culture also plays a role. We live in a world full of different opinions, religions, and values. Friends, social media, movies, and books may promote ideas that do not match what our Church teaches. When we hear many different messages, it can be hard to discern which ones to believe. Sometimes, Church beliefs may feel unpopular or old-fashioned, making them harder to accept.

Another struggle comes from personal experience. If someone has gone through pain, loss, or disappointment, they might wonder why God allowed it. When life feels unfair, trusting Church teachings about a loving God can be difficult. Feelings can sometimes make belief harder, even if the teachings have not changed.

Finally, people struggle because faith requires effort. Accepting Church beliefs often asks us to change our behavior, forgive others, or make sacrifices. These things are not easy. It can be tempting to choose what feels comfortable instead of what the Church teaches is right.

In the end, struggling with Church beliefs does not mean failure. It means we are human. Many religious leaders say that questions and doubts can lead to a deeper and stronger faith over time. By learning, asking honest questions, and staying open, we can grow in understanding and find meaning in the beliefs of our Church—even if the journey is not easy.