

THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 8, 2026



Welcome to the Cathedral of Saint Paul. The order of Mass can be found on page 3 in the Sunday's Word booklets. The Mass readings for Year A will be used at all Masses this weekend.

On the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent at the 5:00pm, 8:30am, and 11:00am Masses (respectively), we celebrate the Scrutinies for the Elect of our parish who will receive the Sacraments of Initiation during the Easter Vigil. Please follow this order for more information about these rites which help prepare the Elect and, by extension, the entire Church for the solemn celebration of the Triduum.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (5:00PM & 8:30AM) *Oculi mei*

CF. PSALM 25:15-16

Please join in the antiphon below after the cantor introduction and in between verses of Psalm 25.

VII

My eyes are always on the Lord, for He rescues my feet from the snare.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (11:00AM) *Oculi mei*

CF. PSALM 25:15-16

Oculi mei semper ad Dóminum, quia ipse évellet de láqueo pedes meos: réspice in me, et miserére mei, quóniam únicus et pauper sum ego. ✠ Ad te, Dómine, levávi ánimam meam: Deus meus, in te confido, non erubéscam.

My eyes are always on the Lord, for He rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor. ✠ To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, I trust in You, let me never be put to shame.

KYRIE

MASS XVII

VI

KY-ri- e *e- lé- i-son. *ij.* Chrí ste e- lé- i-son. *ij.* Ký-ri- e

e- lé- i-son. Ký-ri- e * e- lé- i-son.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

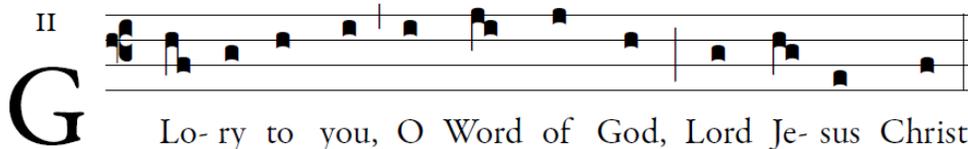
RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9



If to - day you hear his voice, hard - en not your hearts.

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL



Lo-ry to you, O Word of God, Lord Je- sus Christ.

Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

THE FIRST SCRUTINY (5:00PM)

The scrutinies, which are solemnly celebrated on the Sundays of Lent and are reinforced by an exorcism, are rites for self-searching and repentance and have above all a spiritual purpose. The scrutinies are meant to uncover, and then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. These rites, therefore, should complete the conversion of the catechumens and candidates and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all. Because they are asking for the three sacraments of initiation, the elect must have the intention of achieving an intimate knowledge of Christ and his Church, and they are expected particularly to progress in genuine self-knowledge through serious examination of their lives and true repentance. In order to inspire in the elect a desire for purification and redemption by Christ, three scrutinies are celebrated. In the rite of exorcism, the elect, who have already learned from the Church as their mother the mystery of deliverance from sin by Christ, are freed from the effects of sin and from the influence of the devil. They receive new strength in the midst of their spiritual journey and they open their hearts to receive the gifts of the Savior. The priest or deacon who is the presiding celebrant should carry out the celebration in such a way that the faithful in the assembly will also derive benefit from the liturgy of the scrutinies and join in the intercessions for the elect. (See Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, 141-145)

INVITATION TO SILENT PRAYER

The Celebrant addresses the assembly, asking them to pray in silence that the elect may be given a spirit of repentance, a sense of sin, and the true freedom of the children of God. The Celebrant then addresses the elect, inviting them to similarly pray in silence.

INTERCESSIONS FOR THE ELECT

The Celebrant prays on behalf of the Church that the elect may complete their preparation and find Christ in the Sacraments at Easter.

EXORCISM

The Celebrant prays over the elect twice, laying hands on each in between.

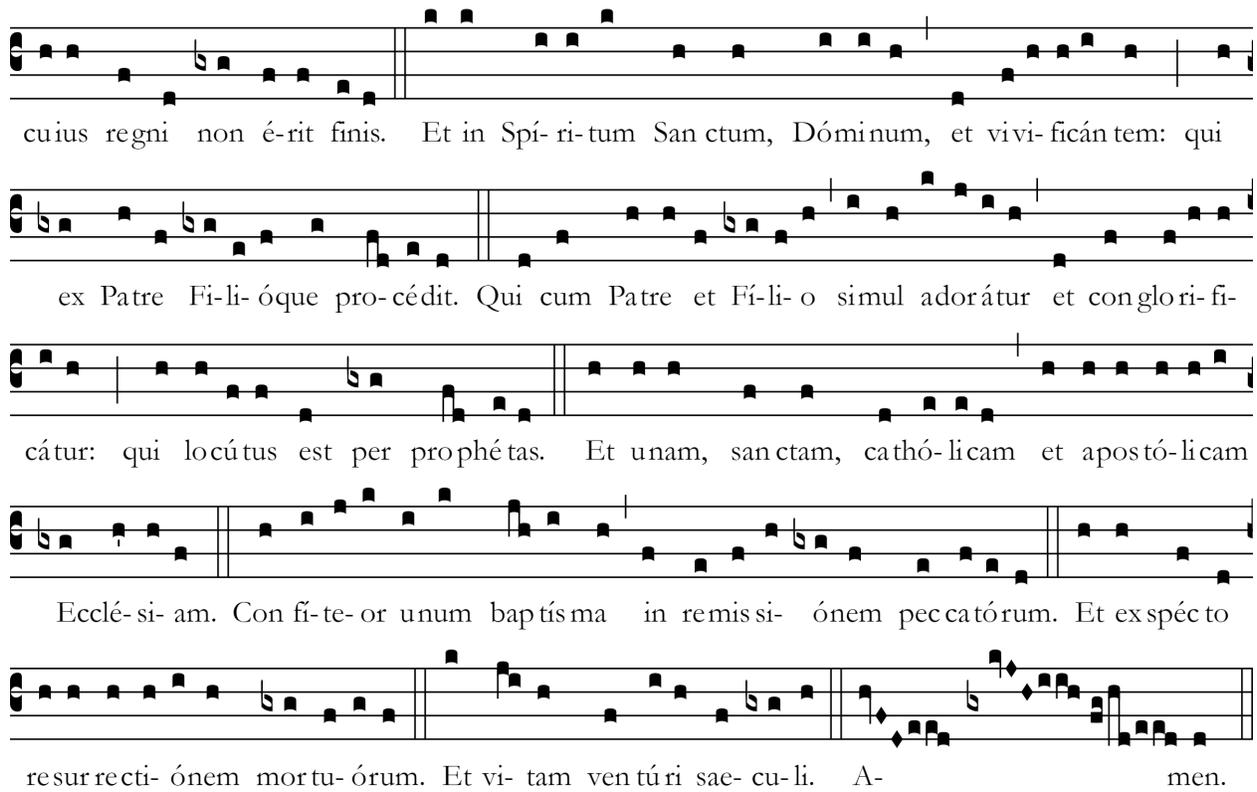
INVITATION TO REMAIN WITH THE ASSEMBLY

Mass continues with the Universal Prayer (general intercessions).

CREED (11:00AM)

CREDO III

C^vredo in unum De- um, Patrem omnipotén tem, factó- rem cæ li et terræ, vi- sibi-
li- um ómni- um, et invi- sibi- li- um. Et in unum Dóminum Ie- sum Chri- stum, Fí- li- um
De- i unigéni- tum. Et ex Patre na- tum ante ómni- a sae- cula. De- um de De- o, lumen
de lúmine, De- um verum de De- o vero. Géni- tum, non fa- ctum, con sub stan ti- á- lem
Patri: per quem ómni- a fa- cta sunt. Qui propter nos hómines, et propter nos tram sa-
lútem descén dit de cæ lis. Et incarná tus est de Spí- ri- tu Sán cto ex Ma- rí- a Vírgine, et
homo factus est. Cru- ci- fí- xus ét- i- am pro nobis sub Pónti- o Pi- láto; passus, et sepúl-
tus est. Et resur réxit tér ti- a di- e, secún dum Scrip tú- ras. Et ascén dit in cæ- lum, sedet
ad dex te- ram Pa- tris. Et í- terum ven túrus est cum glóri- a, judicáre vivos et mórtu- os:



cuius regni non é-rit finis. Et in Spí-ri-tum San-ctum, Dó-minum, et vi-vi-fi-cán-tem: qui
 ex Pa-tre Fi-li-ó-que pro-cé-dit. Qui cum Pa-tre et Fí-li-o simul adorá-tur et conglo-ri-fi-
 cá-tur: qui locú-tus est per prophé-tas. Et unam, san-ctam, cathó-licam et apos-tó-licam
 Ecclé-si-am. Con-fi-te-or unum bap-tís-ma in remis-si-ónem pec-cató-rum. Et ex-spéc-to
 resur-recti-ónem mortu-ó-rum. Et vi-tam ven-tú-ri sae-cu-li. A- men.



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY

ATTENDE, DOMINE



Hear us, al-might-y Lord, show us your
 At-tén-de Dó-mi-ne, et mi-se-



mer-cy Sin-ners we stand here be-fore you.
 ré-re, Qui-a pec-cá-vi-mus ti-bi.



1. Je-sus	our Sav-ior,	Lord of all the na-tions,
2. Word of	the Fa-ther,	key-stone of God's build-ing,
3. God of	com-pas-sion,	Lord of might and splen-dor,
4. Hum-bly	con-fes-sing,	that we have of-fend-ed,
5. In-no-cent	cap-tive,	you were led to slaugh-ter,



Christ our Re - deem - er, hear the prayers we of - fer,
 Source of our glad - ness, gate - way to the King - dom,
 Gra - cious - ly lis - ten, hear our cries of an - guish.
 Strip - ped of illus - ions, nak - ed in our sor - row,
 Sen - tenced by sin - ners, when they brought false wit - ness.

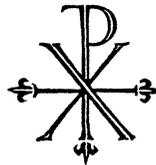


Spare us and save us, com - fort us in sor - row.
 Free us in mer - cy from the sins that bind us.
 Touch us and heal us where our sins have wound - ed.
 Par - don, Lord Je - sus, those your blood has ran - somed.
 Keep from dam - na - tion those your death has res - cued.

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON (11:00AM) *Iustitiae Domini*

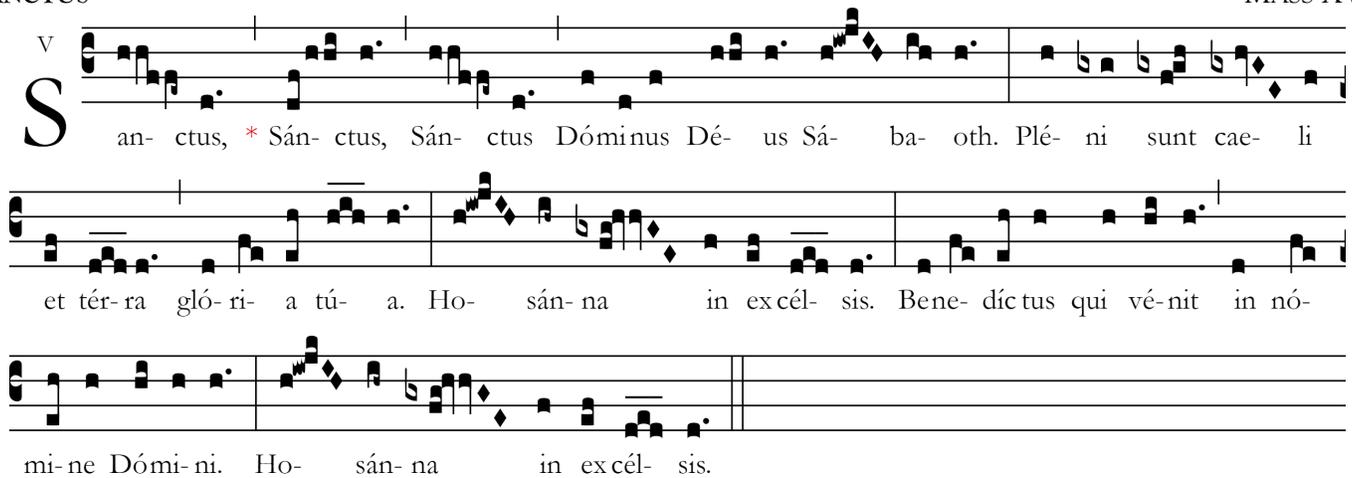
PSALM 19:9-12

Iustitiae Dómini rectæ, lætificantes corda, et iudicia eius dulci ora super mel et favum: nam et servus tuus custodit ea. / The judgments of the Lord are right; they gladden the heart, and are sweeter than honey and the honeycomb: and so Your servant shall keep them.



SANCTUS

MASS XVII



an-ctus, * Sán-ctus, Sán-ctus Dóminus Dé-us Sá-ba-oth. Plé-ni sunt cae-li
 et tér-ra gló-ri-a tú-a. Ho-sán-na in excél-sis. Bene-díc-tus qui vé-nit in nó-
 mi-ne Dómi-ni. Ho-sán-na in excél-sis.

MYSTERIUM FIDEI



We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion un-til you come a-gain.

v
A - gnus Dé- i, * qui tól- lis peccá- ta mún di: mi- se- ré- re nó- bis.
 Agnus Dé- i, * qui tól- lis peccá- ta mún di: mi- se- ré- re nó- bis. A- gnus
 Dé- i, * qui tól- lis peccá- ta mún di: dóna nó- bis pá- cem.

HOLY COMMUNION

We invite all Catholics who are properly disposed (i.e., in the state of grace and having fasted for one hour before communion) to come forward in the usual way to receive Holy Communion.

All others, including our non-Catholic guests, may remain in their pews and join us in prayer. Alternatively, to participate in the communion procession and receive a blessing, come forward in the line and cross your arms over your chest as you approach the minister. Thank you.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (ALL MASSES) *Qui biberit aquam*

JOHN 4:13-14

Please join in the refrain below after the cantor introduction and between verses.

Who-ev-er drinks my wa-ter will have a spring with-in, well-ing up to e-ter-nal life.

POSTCOMMUNION (11:00AM)

THOU KNOWEST, LORD

HENRY PURCELL

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; Shut not Thy merciful ears unto our pray'rs; But spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty. O holy and most merciful Savior, Thou most worthy Judge eternal, Suffer us not at our last hour, For any pains of death to fall away from Thee.

PLEASE RESPECT OUR CUSTOM OF STAYING THROUGH THE CONCLUSION OF THE CLOSING HYMN.

THIS IS OUR CORPORATE ACT OF THANKSGIVING AFTER MASS. THANK YOU!

CLOSING HYMN (ALL MASSES)

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

BOURBON



1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if
2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill
3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and
4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and
5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor



1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your
3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -
4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -
5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who



1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.
5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

MUSIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

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OUR NEXT CONCERT ISN'T A CONCERT...BUT A DEVOTION!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH CATHEDRAL CHOIR!

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026, AT 5:30PM

ALL CONCERTS ARE FREE TO THE PUBLIC; ALL ARE WELCOME!

THIS IS AN IDEAL OPPORTUNITY TO BRING A VISITOR TO THE CATHEDRAL, OR TO INTRODUCE SOMEONE TO OUR CATHOLIC FAITH! AS ALWAYS, A FISH FRY COURTESY OF OUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOLLOWS STATIONS OF THE CROSS. COME JOIN US!

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Smart casual dress is
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2025-2026 Season

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UPDATED!

	<p>Sunday, September 28 4:00PM BRUCE E. LUDWICK, JR., organist Our Director of Music & Organist since 2013, Mr. Ludwick will present a varied program featuring J.S. Bach's Toccata & Fugue in F and the complete Symphonie N°. 1 for Organ by Louis Vierne, two cornerstones of the organ repertoire, along with contrasting pieces.</p>
	<p>Friday, October 17 7:00PM BYRD ENSEMBLE Our old friends, the Byrd Ensemble, based in the Seattle area, will return for their third visit to the Cathedral! This year's program will celebrate the 500th anniversary of the birth of the great Renaissance composer, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina.</p>
	<p>Saturday, November 8 7:00PM NICK BOTKINS, organist Organist & Choirmaster of the Basilica of Saint John the Evangelist in Stamford, CT, Mr. Botkins is known for his liturgical instinct and expressive improvisation. He will present a program of works by Elgar, Thalben-Ball, Bairstow, and Widor.</p>
	<p>Sunday, December 14 4:00pm A CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS An interactive concert with a blend of sing-along favorites and solo/ensemble repertoire, "A Cathedral Christmas" will feature all Cathedral choral ensembles (and friends!), to help us appreciate the beauty of Advent and anticipate the glories of our Lord's Nativity!</p>
	<p>Tuesday, January 6 7:00pm ISABELLE DEMERS, organist Québec native Dr. Isabelle Demers, Associate Professor of Organ at McGill University in Montréal, makes her second visit to the Cathedral - this year, in connection with our hosting of the Conference of Roman Catholic Cathedral Musicians (CRCCM).</p>
	<p>Sunday, February 15 4:00pm SAMFORD A CAPPELLA CHOIR Samford University's premier choral group will make its début at the Cathedral with a concert featuring anthems and motets from the treasury of sacred music. Several current and former Cathedral Choir members are alumni of this ensemble!</p>
	<p>Friday, March 13 5:30pm CATHEDRAL CHOIR Choral Stations of the Cross is a venerable and long-standing tradition at the Cathedral of Saint Paul, giving Cathedral Choir an opportunity to preview Holy Week repertoire in a prayerful environment that also aids the congregation's Lenten meditation.</p>
	<p>Friday, April 17 7:00pm THE AEOLIANS The Aeolians of Oakwood University in Huntsville are one of Alabama's great cultural exports. With a long history of elite performance at the national and international levels, their repertoire ranges from the Baroque to the 20th century. Don't miss this!</p>
	<p>Sunday, May 10 4:00pm MCGALLIARD/RENNA, organists Our Director of Music & Organist inaugurated the season, and now it concludes with our Assistant Organist, Mr. James McGalliard, and our Organ Scholar, Mr. Daniel Renna! Each holds an important and valued role in the Cathedral's fine sacred music program.</p>