

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Celebration of Mass

February 18th, 2026 – Ash Wednesday

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Entrance: Beyond the Days

*Beyond the days of hope and myst'ry
we see a light of faith renewed,
and in our longing we thirst for guidance
to walk with you day by day.*

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Music: Ricky Manalo, CSP; harm. by Craig Kingsbury, b. 1952.

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Forty days and nights,
you guide the steps of our journey.

May your presence be felt
in the whisper of your voice.

*Beyond the days of hope and myst'ry
we see a light of faith renewed,
and in our longing we thirst for guidance
to walk with you day by day.*

Not on bread alone
are we to walk on this journey.
Speak the words that give life
to the yearnings of our hearts.

*Beyond the days of hope and myst'ry
we see a light of faith renewed,
and in our longing we thirst for guidance
to walk with you day by day.*

In your hands, O God,
we feel the touch of your guidance.

Keep us safe in your care:
may your gentleness be there.

*Beyond the days of hope and myst'ry
we see a light of faith renewed,
and in our longing we thirst for guidance
to walk with you day by day.*

On our Lenten path
we see the dawn of a new day.
Be our vision of hope;
be the promise of our lives.

*Beyond the days of hope and myst'ry
we see a light of faith renewed,
and in our longing we thirst for guidance
to walk with you day by day,
to walk with you day by day.*

Penitential Act: *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.

Kyrie, éléison

Christe éléison

Kyrie éléison

Liturgy of the Word

Readings from USCCB

*Click on the link above to follow the readings for today.
Then use your browser's “back” button to return to the worship aid.*

Distribution of Ashes: With These Ashes

*With these ashes, we know your love, O Lord.
With these ashes, we turn our hearts to you.
Daughters and sons, we journey as one.
With these ashes, we know your love, O Lord.*

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Joining together on this journey with you,
we walk these forty days and nights.
Calls by your grace, we answer in faith;
O Lord, lead us to your light.

*With these ashes,
we know your love, O Lord.*

*With these ashes,
we turn our hearts to you.*

Daughters and sons, we journey as one.

*With these ashes,
we know your love, O Lord.*

With prayer and service,
we will answer your call.

With voices raised, we share your word.

Call by your grace, we answer in faith;

O Lord, let our cry be heard.

*With these ashes,
we know your love, O Lord.*

*With these ashes,
we turn our hearts to you.*

Daughters and sons, we journey as one.

*With these ashes,
we know your love, O Lord.*

We give of what we have to all those in need.

We give as you would have us do.

Called by your grace, we answer in faith.;

O Lord, lead us back to you.

*With these ashes,
we know your love, O Lord.*

*With these ashes,
we turn our hearts to you.*

Daughters and sons, we journey as one.

*With these ashes,
we know your love, O Lord.*

And for those many times
we stumble and fall,
your mercy rains from heav'n above.
Call by your grace, we answer in faith;
O Lord, lead us to your love.

*With these ashes,
we know your love, O Lord.*

*With these ashes,
we turn our hearts to you.*

Daughters and sons, we journey as one.

*With these ashes,
we know your love, O Lord.*

Distribution of Ashes II: Signed By Ashes

*Signed by water;
signed by ashes;
secure in your love, O God.*

Have mercy on us, God,
in your compassion.

Wipe out our offenses by your might.

Wash away our guilt;
make us worthy
to walk your path in justice.

*Signed by water;
signed by ashes;
secure in your love, O God.*

My sinfulness is visible, ever before you.
Against you alone I've transgressed.
But in you is the mighty power of mercy;
when I forgive, I am blest.

*Signed by water;
signed by ashes;
secure in your love, O God.*

Cleanse me of my sin
and I'll be pure, O Lord.

Wash me so I'm cleaner than the snow.
Let me hear the sounds of joy and gladness
that only those forgiven ever know.

*Signed by water;
signed by ashes;
secure in your love, O God.*

Create for me a clean heart, God of mercy.

Renew a steadfast spirit in me.

Cast me not out from your loving presence,
that I may worship, sacrifice and sing.

*Signed by water;
signed by ashes;
secure in your love, O God.*

O God, my heart and voice
are raised to praise you.

You are not pleased with sacrifice alone.

My sacrifice: a contrite, humble spirit;

I've heard your invitation:

“Child, come home!”

*Signed by water;
signed by ashes;
secure in your love, O God.*

Distribution of Ashes III: [Ashes to Ashes](#)

Ashes to ashes, from dust unto dust.

*The cross on our forehead,
your promise, O God.*

*Ready us to follow the way of your Son,
to rise from these ashes, redeemed in the fire
of your love.*

Sound the trumpet in Zion,
announce from the Lord
that the day of God's favor
is ever close at hand.

*Ashes to ashes, from dust unto dust.
The cross on our forehead,
your promise, O God.
Ready us to follow the way of your Son,
to rise from these ashes,
redeemed in the fire of your love.*

Rend your hearts, not your garments;
return to the Lord,
who delights when we offer
a truly humble heart.

*Ashes to ashes, from dust unto dust.
The cross on our forehead,
your promise, O God.
Ready us to follow the way of your Son,
to rise from these ashes,
redeemed in the fire of your love.*

We have seen in the heavens
and held in our arms
what the hand of our Maker
can fashion out of dust.

*Ashes to ashes, from dust unto dust.
The cross on our forehead,
your promise, O God.
Ready us to follow the way of your Son,
to rise from these ashes,
redeemed in the fire of your love.*

Let us fast from unkindness
and turn from our greed,
giving bread to the hungry
and lifting up the poor.

*Ashes to ashes, from dust unto dust.
The cross on our forehead,
your promise, O God.
Ready us to follow the way of your Son,
to rise from these ashes,
redeemed in the fire of your love.*

Though this life that we treasure
must fade like the grass,
heaven's glory awaits those
who put their trust in God.

*Ashes to ashes, from dust unto dust.
The cross on our forehead,
your promise, O God.
Ready us to follow the way of your Son,
to rise from these ashes,
redeemed in the fire of your love.*

Distribution of Ashes IV: Ashes

We rise again from ashes, from the good
we've failed to do.

We rise again from ashes,
redeemed, O Lord, by you.
Our penance, Lord, our sorrow,
our grieving hearts renew,
an offering of ashes,
an offering to you.

We offer you our failures,
we offer you attempts,
the gifts not fully given, the dreams not
fully dreamt.

Our stumblings, give direction, our visions
wider view,
an offering of ashes,
an offering to you.

Then raise us up from ashes,
your healing ease our pain.
Though spring has turned to winter, and
sunshine turned to rain,
your rain will nurture growing
and create our world anew
an offering of ashes,
an offering to you.

Give thanks to God the Father,
who gave us life and breath.
Give thanks to Christ our Savior,
who saved us by his death,
who, with the Holy Spirit,
creates the world anew
from an offering of ashes,
an offering to you.

Distribution of Ashes V: [Hosea](#)

Come back to me with all your heart.
Don't let fear keep us apart.

Trees do bend, though straight and tall;
so must we to other's call.

*Long have I waited for your coming home to me
and living deeply our new life.*

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The wilderness will lead you
to your heart where I will speak.

Integrity and justice
with tenderness you shall know.

*Long have I waited for your coming home to
me
and living deeply our new life.*

Preparation of the Gifts: [Into the Desert](#)

Come, beloved, and rest your mind;
leave the things of this world behind.

Here I will be your daily bread,
all that you need.

*Into the desert I will lead;
here in the silence my word will speak.
And you will find the peace you seek
here in the desert.*

Stay, beloved, and lose your fear;
there is healing and mercy here.
Here I will be a living stream,
all that you need.

*Into the desert I will lead;
here in the silence my word will speak.
And you will find the peace you seek
here in the desert.*

From this desert your life will bloom;
out of despair is hope renewed.
And from this death you shall arise,
arise with me!

*Into the desert I will lead;
here in the silence my word will speak.
And you will find the peace you seek
here in the desert.*

Preparation of the Gifts II: Christ in Me Arise

*Christ in me arise
and dispel all the darkness.*

*Christ in me arise
with your power and your strength.*

*Christ in me pour out
your blessing and healing.*

*Christ in me arise
and I shall rise with you.*

Be now my vision; open these eyes,
showing me all that I must see.
Onward to the kingdom, you are the way.
Arise in me and I shall rise with you.

*Christ in me arise
and dispel all the darkness.*

*Christ in me arise
with your power and your strength.*

*Christ in me pour out
your blessing and healing.*

*Christ in me arise
and I shall rise with you.*

Be now my footsteps, leading the way,
taking me where I must go.
Onward to the kingdom, you are the way.
Arise in me and I shall rise in you.

*Christ in me arise
and dispel all the darkness.*

*Christ in me arise
with your power and your strength.*

*Christ in me pour out
your blessing and healing.*

*Christ in me arise
and I shall rise with you.*

You know my heart and you know my ways,
you who formed me in my mother's womb.

I live and move in you,
my whole being thrives in you.

*Christ in me arise
and dispel all the darkness.*

*Christ in me arise
with your power and your strength.*

*Christ in me pour out
your blessing and healing.*

*Christ in me arise
and I shall rise with you.*

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Holy (Mass of St. Timothy)

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.

Memorial Acclamation (Mass of St. Timothy)

Save Us, Savior of the world.

For by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free,
you have set us free.

Amen (Mass of St. Timothy)

Amen, amen, amen.

Amen, amen, amen, amen.

Lamb of God (Mass of St. Timothy)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world: *Miserere nobis.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world: *Miserere nobis.*

Agnus Dei, you take away the sins of
the world: *Dona nobis pacem.*

Pre-Communion Prayer: Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true;
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you.

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Communion I: Behold the Lamb

Those who were in the dark
are thankful for the sunlight;
we who live, we who die
are grateful for his gift,
thankful for his love.

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*Behold, behold the Lamb of God.
All who eat, all who drink shall live;
and all, all who dwell in God
shall come to know his glory.*

Peaceful now, those whose hearts are
blessed with understanding
of the wheat, of the wine
united with his word
and the love we share.

*Behold, behold the Lamb of God.
All who eat, all who drink shall live;
and all, all who dwell in God
shall come to know his glory.*

Gentle one, Child of God,
join with us at this table.
Bless our lives; nourish all
who hunger for this feast;
shelter them with peace.

*Behold, behold the Lamb of God.
All who eat, all who drink shall live;
and all, all who dwell in God
shall come to know his glory.*

Lord of all, give us light.
Deliver us from evil.
Make us one; be our shield.
Make still the winds that blow;
cradle us with love.

*Behold, behold the Lamb of God.
All who eat, all who drink shall live;
and all, all who dwell in God
shall come to know his glory.*

Communion II: Gracious God

Lead us, Lord, into the desert;
lead us through the wilderness.
Through this journey we will follow,
for we long to see your face.

In this time of sacred struggle,
in this time of sacrifice,
we rejoice for we remember
that you lead us into life.

*Gracious God, mercy is your name.
Redeeming Love, you give your life away.
Gracious God, we bless your holy name.
Receiving love, we give our lives away.*

Lord, we hunger for your presence;
Lord we're thirsting for your grace.
When consuming all of you, Lord,
all we gain is emptiness.

*Gracious God, mercy is your name.
Redeeming Love, you give your life away.
Gracious God, we bless your holy name.
Receiving love, we give our lives away.*

Teach us, Lord: who is our neighbor?
Is it friend, or enemy?
When we welcome or condemn them,
it is you, O let us see.

*Gracious God, mercy is your name.
Redeeming Love, you give your life away.
Gracious God, we bless your holy name.
Receiving love, we give our lives away.*

Communion III: Open My Eyes

Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see.

Abre mis ojos,
Que quiero ver como tú.
Abre mis ojos,
Ayúdame a ver.

Open my ears, Lord.
Help me to hear
your voice.

Open my ears, Lord.
Help me to hear.

Abre mis oídos,
Que quiero oír
como tú.

Abre mis oídos,
Ayúdame a oír.

Open my heart, Lord.
Help me to love
like you.

Open my heart, Lord.
Help me to hear.

Abre mi corazón,
Que quiero amar
como tú.

Abre mi corazón,
Ayúdame a amar.

And the first shall be last,
and our eyes are opened,
and we'll hear like never before.
And we'll speak in new ways,
and we'll see God's face
in places we've never known.

*Dame la alegría de tu salvación,
crea en mí un corazón puro.
No me arrojes lejos de tu rostro, Señor,
no me quites tu santo espíritu.*

I live within you.
Deep in your heart,
O Love.
I live within you.
Rest now in me.

Ven y descansa
en mi corazón.
Ven y descansa
te alivia ré.

Meditation: Mercy

Mercy, mercy,
Lord, let your mercy be upon us.
Upon us, your mercy,
as we place our trust in you,
our trust is in you.
Our trust is in you.

Recessional: Take These Ashes/To the Desert Follow Me

*Take these ashes as a sign
that from the dust you have been raised
and to dust you shall return.*

Return to me with all your heart;
let go the world and come to me.
Rend your heart and not your clothes,
for I am kind, my name is mercy.

*Take these ashes as a sign
that from the dust you have been raised
and to dust you shall return.*

Slow to anger is my way;
my cup is filled with love for you.
I will not send you to the foe,
nor scorn the ones I come to rescue.

*Take these ashes as a sign
that from the dust you have been raised
and to dust you shall return.*

Gather my people, says the Lord. Oh, let
them come to healing peace,
elders and children, lost and found,
into this place of love's revealing.

*Take these ashes as a sign
that from the dust you have been raised
and to dust you shall return.*

A blessing I will give to you,
all you who wander and who thirst.
The desert soon will bear a spring;
forgiving water shall restore you.

*Take these ashes as a sign
that from the dust you have been raised
and to dust you shall return.*

I will embrace your every wound,
for I am balm to heal your pain.
You shall not weep forevermore;
I have remembered you, my children.

*Take these ashes as a sign
that from the dust you have been raised
and to dust you shall return.*

My goodness flows out of my heart
over the ones I came to save.
I will cleanse you of your sin,
replace your guilt with my compassion.

*Take these ashes as a sign
that from the dust you have been raised
and to dust you shall return.*

I will renew your weary heart
and keep you always in my sight;
give you a spirit that is new;
restore the joy of your salvation.

*Take these ashes as a sign
that from the dust you have been raised
and to dust you shall return.*

I will bring beauty from the ruin,
a feast of hope from ash and dust.
This land will bloom just as before.
My saving Word, it is forever.

*Take these ashes as a sign
that from the dust you have been raised
and to dust you shall return.*

The light you bear shall be as dawn;
your bonds of sin my love will break.
Injustice shall be overcome,
and you will rise with me, beloved.

*Take these ashes as a sign
that from the dust you have been raised
and to dust you shall return.*

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