

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Second Sunday in Lent – March 01, 2026

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE La Plata: “Meditation” by Jules Massenet
Wayside:

ENTRANCE HYMN “Love divine, all loves excelling” Hymnal 657

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be the God of our salvation.
People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 12:1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who

bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 121

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
- ² My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.
- ³ He will not let your foot be moved
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- ⁴ Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- ⁵ The Lord himself watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- ⁶ So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
- ⁷ The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- ⁸ The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore.

READING FROM THE EPISTLE

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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People **Thanks be to God!**

THE GOSPEL CHANT “Santos, santos, santos” [“Holy, holy, holy”] **WLP 785**

LA PLATA: PLEASE SING THE ENGLISH VERSE **3 TIMES** BEFORE AND AFTER THE GOSPEL READING.

WAYSIDE: PLEASE SING THE ENGLISH VERSE **1 TIME** BEFORE AND AFTER THE GOSPEL READING.

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
 heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

Words: Variation on a traditional liturgical text. Music: Composer of melody unknown; arr. based on a two-part version as taught by Pablo D. Sosa (b. 1933).

THE GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ!**

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Presider concludes with the Absolution.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *(Standing)*

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

You are invited to exchange a sign of Christ's peace with your neighbors.

OFFERTORY HYMN "Just a closer walk with thee" **LAPLATA-LEVAS 72**
WAYSIDE-CELEBRATION 564

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DOXOLOGY

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Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us. Eph. 1:3

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures here be-low;

Praise Him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Hymnal S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven 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. _____

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Celebrant

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:
“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray together:

**Our Father in heaven,
holy is your Name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
And forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil,
For the kingdom, the power, and the
glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive
those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.
People **Have mercy on us.**

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.
People **Have mercy on us.**

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.
People **Grant us peace.**

Celebrant These are the Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE COMMUNION

We gather at God's table. All are invited and welcome to share in Holy Communion.

*Please come forward to the altar rail to receive. Please let someone know if you need
Communion brought to you at your seat.*

*If you come to receive Holy Communion, the custom is to place the palm of one hand
(palm up) into the palm of the other to receive the wafer.*

If you receive only the wafer, you may consume it, and return to your seat.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

*To receive the wine, you may sip from the chalice (large cup),
or take one of the small wine cups.*

*If you do not wish to receive but prefer to come forward to receive a blessing, please
cross your arms over your chest after you come to the front.*

*Return to your seat by the side aisle, disposing of the small wine cup in the basket on the
front side pew on your way back to your pew.*

COMMUNION MUSIC La Plata: "Hymns of Commitment" Arr by Phillip Keveren (piano)
Wayside:

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Almighty God, this meal does not end here – you continue to nourish us, and to feed others through us. Bless these elements and vessels, and the lay eucharistic visitors who carry them out, that your Body and Blood may nurture those members of our family unable to worship with us today.

PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

COMMUNITY NEWS

A SOLEMN PRAYER *Please stand as you are able.*

Celebrant: Bow down before the Lord.

The people bow or kneel as they are able.

Celebrant: Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with you, and those who are near and dear to you this day, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"How great thou art"

LAPLATA-LEVAS 60
WAYSIDE-CELEBRATION 147

We 'Process' into the world to carry Jesus' message of love.

SENDING

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE La Plata: Triumphant March by William Stickle
Wayside:

MUSIC NOTES

La Plata Organist: Mary Kercher
Wayside Organist: Nathan Mondell

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OUR PRAYERS TODAY:

We give thanks for: our annual parish meeting last Sunday at Wayside and the energy in our church.

We pray for: guidance to follow in Jesus' way of love.

Those celebrating this week:

We pray for:

Those in need of healing – Bill, James, Janet, Chris, Pat, Tom, Scott, Gerald, Steve, Sylvia, Joy McCartin, Edie, Stacy, Nada, Violet, Sheila Smith, Gloria Groeger, the Weirich Family, the Havenner family
Those who have died – Tom Weirich, Jack Havenner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. ROBIN'S UPDATED SCHEDULE: Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Sunday mornings. If emergencies arise on other days, please contact your Senior Warden.

HELP NEEDED:

- The Christ Church La Plata IT/Tech Committee needs help on Sunday mornings. If you are available, please contact Evelyn Bowling
- The Christ Church La Plata Food Pantry needs your help. Volunteer duties usually occur on Wednesday or Thursday mornings. Volunteers are needed to help bag groceries and pack non-perishable food items for distribution on Friday morning. Volunteers are also needed to help unbox food items and stock shelves. Please contact Lisa Colvin for more information

BIBLE STUDY – The Beatitudes, led by our Canadian friend and seminarian Kirk Vandezande. Come every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

LUNCH AND LEARN – Thursday from Noon to 1:30 pm. We are using 'Living Well Through Lent 2026, A Living Compass Seasonal Resource', led by Kathleen Jackson.

ANNUAL MEETING:

- La Plata – Today after worship, beginning with a potluck lunch.

FLOWERS TO REMEMBER SOMEONE? – If you love having flowers on our altar, consider donating one Sunday in memory of, or in honor of someone. The suggested donation is \$50. You can call the La Plata parish office (301.392.1051) or the Wayside parish office (301.259.4327) to find out more. As a reminder, we do not have flowers on the altar during the season of Lent.

GIVING and ALMS FUNDS – Our Giving and Rector's Alms Funds receive many requests. The needs are great. Please give as you are able.