

# BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

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March 30, 2025



## Worship Schedule:

Saturday 5:00 pm - Vigil Holy Mass  
Sunday 9:00 am - Holy Mass (also livestream on Facebook)

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**Fourth Sunday of Lent 'C'**  
**March 30, 2025**

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**Altar Servers:** Everett, Parker

**Lector:** Donald Dross

**Greeter:** Diane Brennan

**Cantor:** Jeff Staats

**Trustees:** Rick, Joanne

**Cycle of Prayer:** Holy Cross Parish, Syracuse NY

**Mass Intentions:**

Sun. March 30 - **In Memory of †Nancy Sawczak** (req. by Ed Sawczak).

Sun. April 6 - **For the Intentions and healing of Veronica Murawski** (req. by Denise Green).

Sun. April 13 - **In Memory of †Dawn Amiak** (req. by Patti & Dick Mossey).

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## LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS

SLANE



1. Lord of all hope-ful-ness, Lord of all joy, Whose  
 2. Lord of all ea-ger-ness, Lord of all faith, Whose  
 3. Lord of all kind-li-ness, Lord of all grace, Your  
 4. Lord of all gen-tle-ness, Lord of all calm, Whose



1. trust, ev-er child-like, no cares can de-stroy, Be  
 2. strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe, Be  
 3. hands swift to wel-come, your arms to em-brace, Be  
 4. voice is con-tent-ment, whose pres-ence is balm, Be



1. there at our wak-ing, and give us, we pray, Your  
 2. there at our la-bors, and give us, we pray, Your  
 3. there at our hom-ing, and give us, we pray, Your  
 4. there at our sleep-ing, and give us, we pray, Your



1. bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
 2. strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
 3. love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
 4. peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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Music: Trad. Irish melody; adapt. fr. The Church Hymnary, 1927.

C. In the name of the Father + and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

R/. Amen.

C. Lord bless us with the wisdom to praise You in spirit and in truth,  
so that by following Your holy will we may gain eternal salvation.

R/. Amen.

### THE PENITENTIAL RITE

*The celebrant invites the faithful to join in the prayer of confession.*

C. We ask for the divine mercy as we recall our failures to follow Jesus, the Way,  
the Truth, and the Life. Please, make an examination of your conscience.

*During a moment of silent reflection evoke spirit of contrition.*

**KNEEL or SIT**

*Silently confess your sins to God, and then join the celebrant in acknowledging your sins:*

**All: I confess to almighty God**

**in the presence of the Blessed Virgin Mary, all the saints  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have sinned through my own fault**

*striking the breast three times and continuing*

**in my thoughts, in my words, in what I have done or failed to do.  
I ask the Blessed Virgin Mary, all the saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord, our God.**

*Penance is given.*

C. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

R/. Amen.

*The celebrant imparts the absolution, saying*

C. May our Lord Jesus Christ absolve you and, with His authority vested in me,  
I absolve you from all your sins:  
in the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit.

R/. Amen.

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## THE KYRIE

C. Lord, have mercy.           R/. Lord, have mercy.  
C, Christ, have mercy.       R/. Christ, have mercy.  
C. Lord, have mercy.         R/. Lord, have mercy.

## THE GLORIA

All: Glory to God in the Highest, and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship You, we give You thanks,  
we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,

You take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of + God the Father. Amen.

STAND

## OPENING PRAYER

C. The Lord be with you.

R/. And also with you.

C. Let us pray.

Heavenly Father,  
though we are unworthy, You invite us to return to the Table of Life.  
Help us to put aside earthly desires so that,  
we may always live in Christ and He in us.

We ask this through the same Jesus Christ,  
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

R/. Amen.

SIT

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading [Jos 5:9a, 10–12](#)

A reading from the Book of Joshua.

The LORD said to Joshua,  
“Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you.”

While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho,  
they celebrated the Passover  
on the evening of the fourteenth of the month.

On the day after the Passover, they ate of the produce of the land  
in the form of unleavened cakes and parched grain.

On that same day after the Passover,  
on which they ate of the produce of the land, the manna ceased.  
No longer was there manna for the Israelites,  
who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.

C. The Word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.



### Responsorial Psalm [Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7](#)



Cantor: R/. Taste and see the good - ness of the Lord.

R/. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.

Let my soul glory in the LORD;  
the lowly will hear me and be glad.

R/. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

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Glorify the LORD with me,  
let us together extol his name.  
I sought the LORD,  
and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

**R/. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy,  
and your faces may not blush with shame.  
When the poor one called out, the LORD heard,  
and from all his distress he saved him.

**R/. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

### **Second Reading [2 Cor 5:17–21](#)**

**A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.**

Brothers and sisters:

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation:

the old things have passed away;

behold, new things have come.

And all this is from God,

who has reconciled us to himself through Christ

and given us the ministry of reconciliation,

namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ,

not counting their trespasses against them

and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

So we are ambassadors for Christ,

as if God were appealing through us.

We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin,

so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

C. The Word of the Lord.

**R/. Thanks be to God.**

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Verse Before the Gospel [Lk 15:18](#)

STAND



Cantor: R. Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, King of end - less glo - ry!

R/. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

I will get up and go to my Father and shall say to him:

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

R/. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

Gospel [Lk 15:1-3, 11-32](#)

C. The Lord be with you.

R/. And also with you.

C. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

R/. Glory be to You, Lord.

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So to them Jesus addressed this parable:

“A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, ‘Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.’

So the father divided the property between them.

After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country

where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation.

When he had freely spent everything,

a severe famine struck that country,

and he found himself in dire need.

So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine.

And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any.



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Coming to his senses he thought,  
'How many of my father's hired workers  
have more than enough food to eat,  
but here am I, dying from hunger.  
I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him,  
"Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.  
I no longer deserve to be called your son;  
treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."'”  
So he got up and went back to his father.

While he was still a long way off,  
his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion.  
He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him.

His son said to him,  
'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you;  
I no longer deserve to be called your son.'  
But his father ordered his servants,  
'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him;  
put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.  
Take the fattened calf and slaughter it.  
Then let us celebrate with a feast,  
because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again;  
he was lost, and has been found.'  
Then the celebration began.

Now the older son had been out in the field  
and, on his way back, as he neared the house,  
he heard the sound of music and dancing.  
He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean.  
The servant said to him,  
'Your brother has returned  
and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf  
because he has him back safe and sound.'  
He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house,  
his father came out and pleaded with him.

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He said to his father in reply,  
'Look, all these years I served you  
and not once did I disobey your orders;  
yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends.  
But when your son returns  
who swallowed up your property with prostitutes,  
for him you slaughter the fattened calf.'

He said to him,  
'My son, you are here with me always;  
everything I have is yours.  
But now we must celebrate and rejoice,  
because your brother was dead and has come to life again;  
he was lost and has been found.'"

C. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**R/. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**



KNEEL or SIT

# HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

## The Spirit is A-Movin'

### REFRAIN



The Spi-rit is a - mov-in' all o\_\_ ver. all o - ver\_\_ this land\_\_

### VERSES



1. Peo-ple are gath - er - in', the church is born; \_\_\_\_\_ the Spir - it is a -
2. Old \_\_\_\_\_ ones \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ dream - ing dreams, \_\_\_\_\_ and young\_\_ men and
3. Old \_\_\_\_\_ walls \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ fall - ing down, \_\_\_\_\_ and peo-ple all o -
4. Filled\_\_ with the Spir - it, we are sent to serve. \_ We are called\_\_ out to -
5. The Spir - it fills \_\_\_\_\_ us \_\_\_\_\_ all with pow'r, \_\_\_\_\_ to be\_\_ God's\_\_



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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. blow - in' on a world _____    | re - born. _____          |
| 2. wom - en _____ see _____       | the _____ light. _____    |
| 3. - ver are _____ speak - ing    | with each oth - er. _____ |
| 4. geth - er, we are called _____ | to _____ work. _____      |
| 5. wit - ness - es to all _____   | we _____ meet. _____      |

HIS HOLY SPIRIT  
FILLS THE WORLD

SIT

♦ HOMILY

C. I believe in One God,  
All: the Father, the Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten not made, of one being with the Father.  
Through Him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
He was born of the Virgin Mary *(here genuflect or bow)*  
AND BECAME MAN.  
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures;  
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and His kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and Giver of Life  
Who proceeds from the Father.  
With the Father and the Son  
He is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.  
I acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the + life of the world to come.  
Amen.

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C. The Lord is always generous and gives us 'one more year', again and again, time after time. Let us turn to Him, with all our hearts, in praise and petition.

1. For all bishops, priests, and leaders in the Church: that they may show wisdom in finding ways of forgiveness that protect those who are innocent. We pray to the Lord.

**R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

2. For the world, that the peace of Christ may bring reconciliation and hope to those in darkness and despair. We pray to the Lord.

**R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

3. For all who are ill, especially Jeanne Stendardo, Sally Tiska-Rice, Michael Patterson, Theresa DeSousa and Benita Christoffels: May they know God's healing and comforting presence. We pray to the Lord.

**R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

4. For the parishioners of the Holy Cross Parish in Syracuse, New York, and for ourselves: That we may never forget that forgiveness starts with those who are closest to us. We pray to the Lord.

**R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

5. For Nancy Sawczak, for whom this Holy Mass is being offered, for Dawn Amiak, for our loved ones and for all the departed: May they enjoy the peace and light of God's eternal kingdom. We pray to the Lord.

**R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

6. For our own intentions ..... [long pause for silent prayer] .....  
**We pray to the Lord.**

C. Heavenly Father, thank You that you have listened to our prayers and will answer them - not because of our goodness, but because of Your merciful love. We pray this through Christ our Lord.

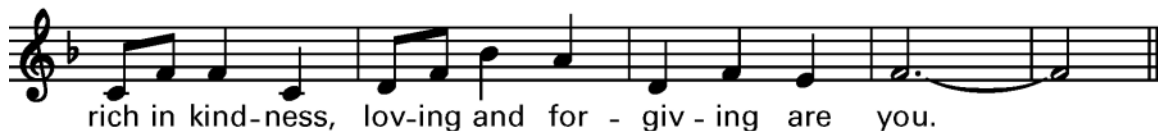
**R/. Amen.**

## OFFERTORY

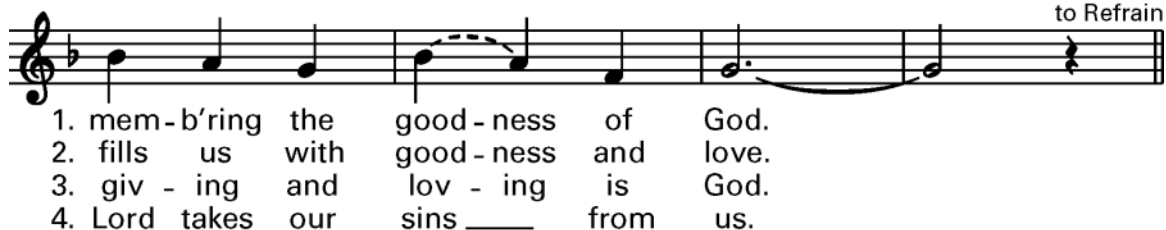
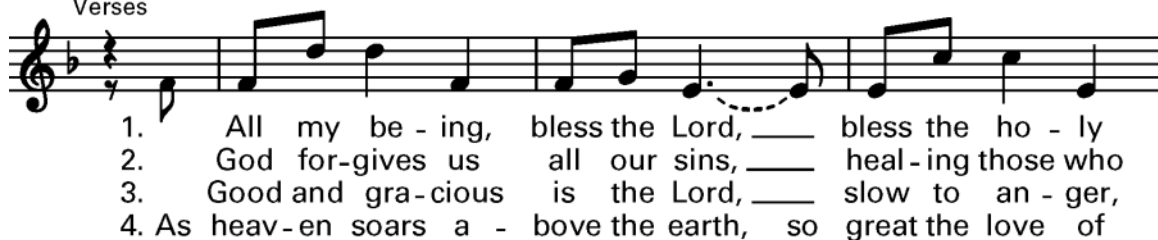
### PSALM 103: LOVING AND FORGIVING

Scott Soper

#### Refrain



#### Verses



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## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*The celebrant elevates the paten with host, saying:*

- C. Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation. Through Your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. May it become for us the Bread of Life.

*The celebrant pours wine and water into the chalice.  
Then takes the chalice and elevates it above the altar, saying:*

- C. Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation.  
Through Your goodness, we have this wine to offer,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
May it become our Spiritual Drink.

*The celebrant places the chalice on the corporal. Slightly bowing before the altar he says:*

- C. Lord God, we ask You to receive us and be pleased with the sacrifice we offer You with humble and contrite hearts.

*The celebrant blesses the bread and wine with his right hand, saying:*

- C. Come, Holy Spirit, and bless + this sacrifice  
which we have prepared for the glory of Your Holy Name.

*The celebrant washes his hands, then he returns to the center of the altar and continues:*

- C. Receive this offering, most Holy Trinity,  
which we make in memory of the passion, resurrection  
and ascension of our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
and in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints.  
May they, whose memory we honor on earth, intercede for us in heaven.

*Addressing the congregation with hands extended, the celebrant says:*

- C. Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
- R/. May the Lord accept this sacrifice from your hands,  
for the praise and glory of His name,  
for our good and for the benefit of His holy Church.**

STAND

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## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

STAND

C. Almighty God,  
through these gifts we offer, help us to forsake the passing pleasures of life  
for the eternal joy of Your home.

We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ  
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**R/. Amen.**

## PREFACE OF LENT

C. The Lord be with you.

**R/. And also with you.**

C. Lift up your hearts.

**R/. We lift them up to the Lord.**

C. Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**R/. It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

C. Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere  
to give You thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through our fasting You increase divine life within us;  
You preserve us from sin and lead us into eternal life.

Through abstinence, You confirm us in goodness,  
and curb our unbridled vices.

As we commemorate this forty days fast of Your Son,  
may we together with Him, give You glory.

Therefore, with the angels and archangels,  
with all the saints and the entire Church,  
we lift our hymn of praise to Your glory, repeating unceasingly:

**R/. Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
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.**



**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II**

*The celebrant with hands extended, says:*

- C. We give thanks to You, God our Father,  
through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,  
Whom You have sent us as Savior, Redeemer and Messenger of Your will.  
He is Your Word, inseparable from You.  
Through Him You have made all things and in Him You were well pleased.  
You sent Him from heaven to a virgin's womb.  
There He dwelt and was made flesh.  
He was revealed as Your Son, born through the Holy Spirit and of the Virgin.  
  
When He suffered, He fulfilled Your will and gained for You a holy people.  
He stretched out His hands to free from suffering those who believed in You.  
When He was betrayed to His freely chosen suffering  
thereby to destroy death, to break the chains of darkness,  
to crush hell beneath His feet, to give light to the just,  
to make a covenant and to manifest His resurrection,  
He took bread; He gave You thanks and said:

*The celebrant takes the bread and says:*

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT:  
FOR THIS IS MY BODY  
WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU.**

*The celebrant elevates the Sacred Host, then places it on the paten, and genuflects in adoration.*

*He takes the Chalice and says:*

- C. In like manner He took the cup and said:

**THIS IS MY BLOOD  
WHICH IS Poured OUT FOR YOU.  
WHenever YOU DO THIS,  
DO IT IN MEMORY OF ME.**

*The celebrant elevates the Chalice, then places it on the corporal and genuflects in adoration.*

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*With hands joined he says the following with the Congregation:*

**All: Calling then His death and resurrection to mind,  
we offer You the Bread and the Cup.  
We thank You for allowing us to come before You and to serve You.**

*The celebrant extends his hands over the Sacred Body and Blood, saying:*

C. We ask You to send Your Holy Spirit  
upon the offering of Your holy Church to gather all in unity.  
Grant to all who partake of these Holy Mysteries  
the fullness of the Holy Spirit for the strengthening of their faith in the truth.  
So may we praise and glorify You  
through Your Son, Jesus Christ.

*Holding the Sacred Host above the chalice and elevating them the celebrant says:*

C. Through Him may glory and honor be Yours,  
with the Holy Spirit, in Your holy Church, now and for ever and ever.  
R/. Amen.

## COMMUNION RITE

### The Lord's Prayer

STAND

*The celebrant says the following introduction to the Lord's Prayer:*

C. Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us:

**All: 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.**

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*With hands extended, the celebrant says:*

- C. Deliver us, Lord, from every evil and grant us peace in our day.  
In Your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety,  
as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

*The people conclude the prayer by saying the acclamation:*

**R/. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, now and for ever.**

### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

- C. The Cup of Blessing which we bless,  
is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ?

*The celebrant fractures the Sacred Host saying:*

- C. The Bread which we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ?

**R/. Because there is one Bread, we who are many are one body,  
for we all partake of the one Bread.**

*Dropping the particle of the Host into the Chalice, the celebrant says:*

- C. May the union of divinity and humanity in Jesus Christ  
bring us sanctification and eternal life.

**R/. Amen.**

*With hands extended the celebrant says:*

- C. Lord Jesus Christ, You said to Your apostles:  
I leave you peace, My peace I give you.  
Do not look at our sins, but on the faith of Your Church,  
and grant us the peace and unity of Your kingdom  
where You live for ever and ever.

**R/. Amen.**

- C. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**R/. And also with you.**

- C. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*An appropriate sign of peace is made by all (in church by bowing)*

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## AGNUS DEI

*The celebrant and people say together:*

**All:** Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION PRAYER

**KNEEL**

C. Let us pray together:

**All:** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God,  
by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit  
Your death brought life to the world.  
By Your holy Body and Blood free me from all my sins and from every evil.  
Keep me faithful to Your teaching and never let me be parted from You.

*The celebrant takes the Sacred Host, saying:*

C. I will take the Bread of Heaven and call upon the name of the Lord.

*The celebrant and congregation together say once:*

**All:** Lord, I am not worthy to receive You,  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.

*The celebrant says:*

C. May the Body of Christ bring me to everlasting life:

*The celebrant reverently consumes the Sacred Host. Taking the Chalice, he says:*

C. May the Blood of Christ bring me to everlasting life:

*The celebrant reverently consumes the Blood of Christ.*

## THE COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

*Holding a Host above the ciborium, the celebrant says:*

C. This is the Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to the table of the Lord.

**KNEEL or SIT**

*Now, taking the ciborium, the celebrant distributes Holy Communion.*

# COMMUNION HYMN

## WE REMEMBER

Marty Haugen

Refrain



We re-mem-ber how you loved us to your death, and still we



cel-e-brate, for you are with us here; And we be-lieve that we will



see you when you come in your glo-ry, Lord. We re-mem-ber,



we cel-e-brate, we be-lieve.

### 2 Verses

1. Here, a mil-lion
2. Now we re-cre-
3. Christ, the Fa-ther's
4. See the face of



1. wound-ed souls are yearn-ing just to touch you and be healed.
2. ate your love, we bring the bread and wine to share a meal.
3. great "A - men" to all the hopes and dreams of ev-'ry heart,
4. Christ re-vealed in ev - 'ry per - son stand-ing by your side,



to Refrain

1. Gath - er all your peo - ple, and hold them to your heart.
2. Sign of grace and mer - cy, the pres-ence of the Lord.
3. Peace be - yond all tell - ing, and free-dom from all fear.
4. Gift to one an - oth - er, and tem - ples of your love.



C. Let us pray.

All loving and forgiving Father,  
have mercy on us who have shared at Your Table.  
Renewed by the Body and Blood of Your Son  
may we be found worthy to be called Your children.

We ask this through the same Jesus Christ  
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

R/. Amen.

FINAL BLESSING

C. The Lord be with you.

R/. And also with you.

C. May Almighty God bless you,  
the Father + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R/. Amen.

C. Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.



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## RECESSIONAL HYMN

### TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

ERHALT UNS, HERR



1. Take up your cross, the Sav - ior said, If  
2. Take up your cross, be not a - shamed! Let  
3. Take up your cross, which gives you strength, Which  
4. Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, Nor



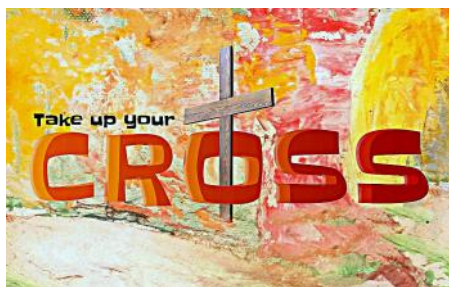
1. you would my dis - ci - ple be; De - ny your - self, the  
2. not dis - grace your spir - it fill! For God him - self en -  
3. makes your trem - bling spir - it brave: 'Twill guide you to a  
4. think till death to lay it down; For on - ly they who



1. world for - sake, And hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.  
2. dured to die Up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.  
3. bet - ter home And lead to vic - t'ry o'er the grave.  
4. bear the cross May hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

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Music: J. Klug's *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543.





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## Announcements

*Requests for all announcements must be received by noon Wednesday each week.*

*Please contact Justine Fazziola (bvmc.bulletin@gmail.com)*

- **On Wednesday this week, after the Bitter Lamentations, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered.**
- **Our Sunday School students continue their Lenten Food Drive.** Please donate anything you would like, adding more variety to the list.
- **This weekend March 30/31** the theme is **SNACKS**: Crackers, Granola Bars, Juice Boxes, Fruit Cups, etc.
- **Next Sunday April 6, DESSERTS** are the theme. Suggestions are: **Brownie Mix, Cake Mix, Frosting, Pudding, Cookie Mix, Bread Mix, Jello Cups, ertc.** The need is great; so many are hungry. Thank you for supporting this mission involving our children—a wonderful opportunity to follow Jesus in loving our neighbor.
- **On Saturday, April 5th at 11:00 am,** the parishes of our Seniorate will gather for the **Lenten Retreat at the Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Schenectady NY.** Please let Fr. Mark know by Tuesday April 1st if you are planning to attend.
- **Families struggle to put food on their tables.** Please pick up a non-perishable food item to drop in the food pantry baskets located in the church vestibule and share with others from the bounty with which we have been blessed.
- **Thank you' for your continuing support of our parish.** You can donate by mail: BVMC Parish, 250 Old Maxwell Rd., Latham NY 12110, or through online giving, <https://www.bvmc.org/giving> which is secure and easy. If you need assistance, please contact our financial officers, George Urciuoli or Mark Peplowski via email: [bvmc.church@gmail.com](mailto:bvmc.church@gmail.com).

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Kindness & Support*

Pray  
for your  
*Prayer Partner*

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## Happening at BVMC

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### Wednesday, April 2

6:30 pm Bitter Lamentations & Anointing of the Sick

### Friday, April 4

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, April 5

11:00 am Seniorate Lenten Retreat (Schenectady NY)

5:00 pm Vigil Mass of Sunday

### Sunday, April 6

**9:00 am Holy Mass** (also livestream)

Altar Servers: Abby, Parker

Lectors: Mary-Lou

Cantor: Mikaela

Greeter: Nancy

Trustees: Mark, Jeff

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

April 12 - Easter Food Sale

April 13 - Palm Sunday

April 20 - Easter Sunday

May 18 - First Holy Communion



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