

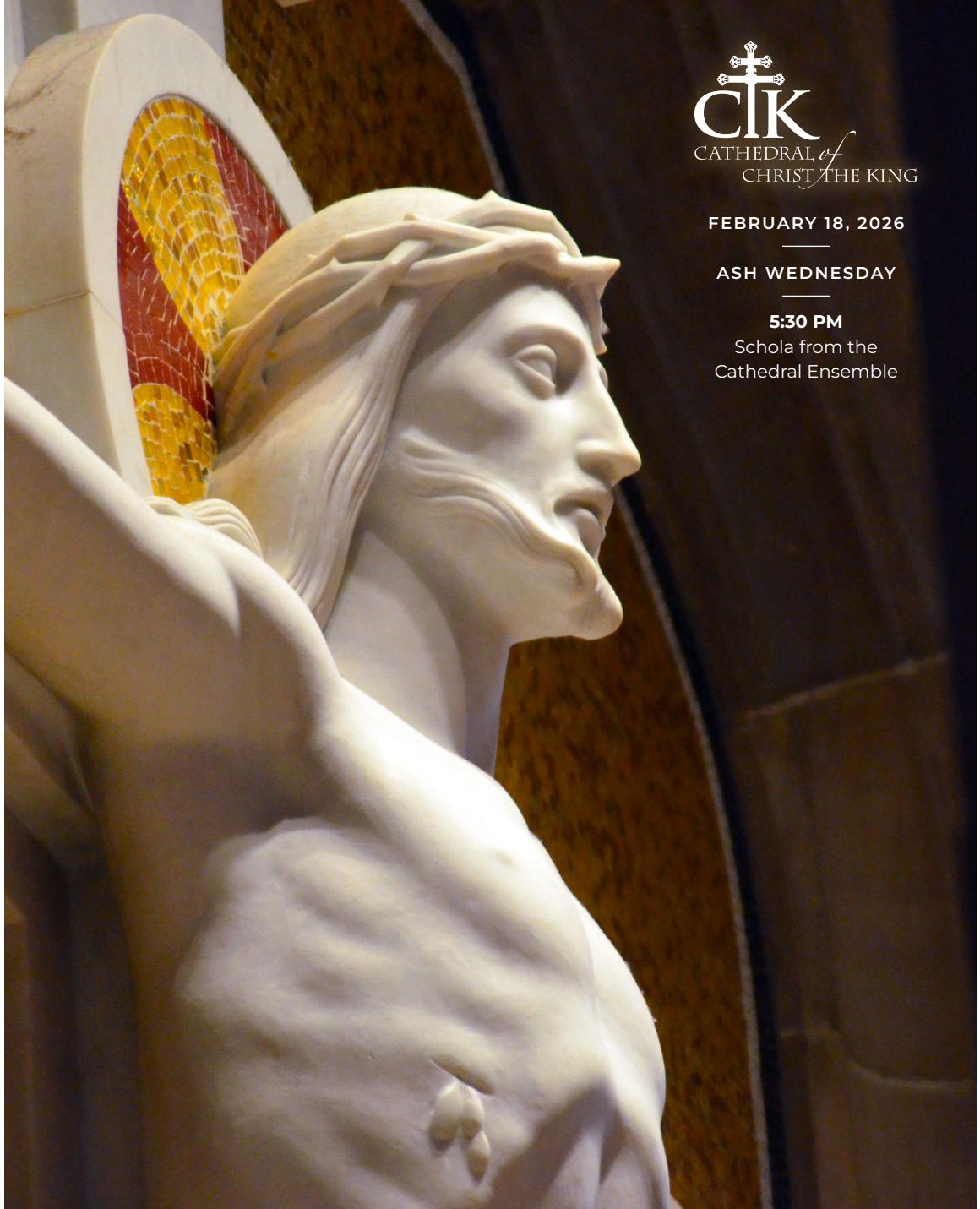


FEBRUARY 18, 2026

ASH WEDNESDAY

5:30 PM

Schola from the  
Cathedral Ensemble

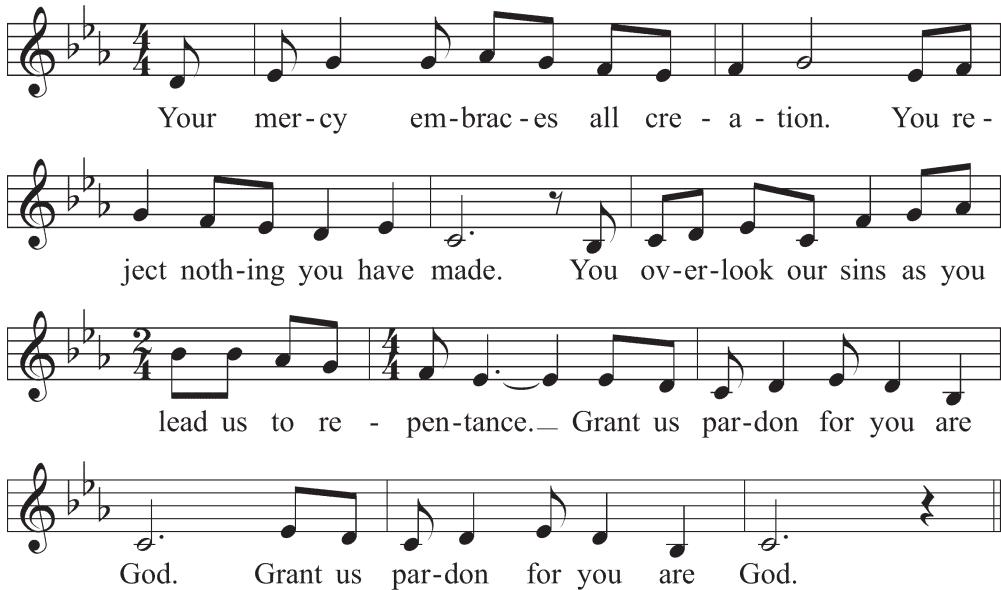




# THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

## Introit

*Misereris omnium, Domine, et nihil edisti eorum quae fecisti,  
dissimulans peccata hominum propter paenitentiam,  
et parcens illis: quia tues Dominus Deus noster.*



Your mer-cy em-brac-es all cre - a - tion. You re -  
ject noth-ing you have made. You ov-er-look our sins as you  
lead us to re - pen-tance. Grant us par-don for you are  
God. Grant us par-don for you are God.

*Have mercy on me, Lord!  
Have mercy on me, Lord, for my soul seeks shelter in you,  
for my soul seeks shelter in you.*

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## Penitential Act

*On Ash Wednesday the Penitential Act is omitted,*

# LITURGY *of the* WORD

## First Reading: Joel 2:12-18

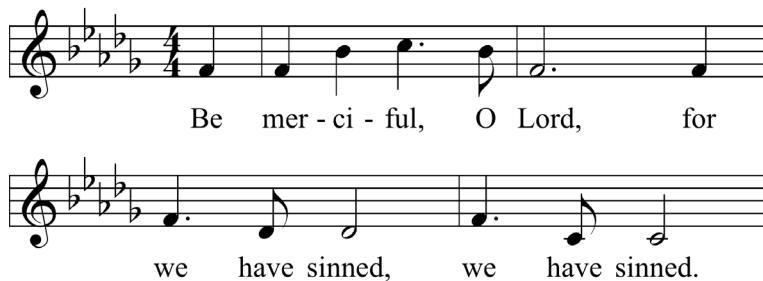
Even now, says the LORD, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning; Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the LORD, your God. For gracious and merciful is he, slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment. Perhaps he will again relent and leave behind him a blessing, Offerings and libations for the LORD, your God.

Blow the trumpet in Zion! proclaim a fast, call an assembly; Gather the people, notify the congregation;

Assemble the elders, gather the children and the infants at the breast; Let the bridegroom quit his room and the bride her chamber. Between the porch and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep, And say, “Spare, O LORD, your people, and make not your heritage a reproach, with the nations ruling over them! Why should they say among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’”

Then the LORD was stirred to concern for his land and took pity on his people.

## Psalm 51



Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for  
we have sinned, we have sinned.

*Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your merciful love;  
according to your great compassion,  
blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me completely from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.*

## Psalm 51 [continued]

Be merci - ful, O Lord, for  
we have sinned, we have sinned.

*My transgressions, truly I know them;  
my sin is always before me.*

*Against you, you alone, have I sinned;  
what is evil in your sight I have done.*

*Create a pure heart for me, O God;  
renew a steadfast spirit within me.*

*Do not cast me away from your presence;  
take not your holy spirit from me.*

*Restore in me the joy of your salvation;  
sustain in me a willing spirit.*

*O Lord, open my lips  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

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## Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2

Brothers and sisters 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.

Working together, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says: *In an acceptable time I heard you, and on the day of salvation I helped you.*

Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

## Gospel Acclamation: see Ps. 95:8



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

*If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.*

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## Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6; 16-18

Jesus said to his disciples: “Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father. When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win the praise of others. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

“When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see

them. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

“When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites. They neglect their appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face so that you may not appear to be fasting, except to your Father who is hidden. And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you.”

## Homily

## Blessing and Distribution of Ashes

*Leave the past in ashes*

Cyprian Consiglio

Leave the past in ash - es and turn to God, re -  
turn to God with tears and fast - ing

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in common time (4/4). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The first staff begins with a quarter note, followed by a dotted half note, a quarter note, a dotted half note, a quarter note, a dotted half note, a quarter note, and a dotted half note. The second staff begins with a quarter note, followed by a dotted half note, a quarter note, a dotted half note, a quarter note, a dotted half note, a quarter note, and a dotted half note. The lyrics are written below the notes, corresponding to the musical structure.

1. God, you are the god of my rescue!  
You have helped me, you have healed me.  
All who love the Lord sing in praises:  
there are tears at night but joy will come with dawn! *(to refrain)*
2. Once I told myself in good fortune:  
“What could harm me or disturb me?”  
You had set me firm on the mountain,  
then you hid your face and I was put to shame. *(to refrain)*
3. Then I asked, “what good would my death be?  
Can the dust sing or proclaim you?”  
Then you saved my soul from the darkness:  
snatched me out from those who sink into the grave. *(to refrain)*
4. Now my soul sings praise without ending.  
You have saved me and I thank you!  
You have changed my death into dancing,  
stripped away the sackcloth, covered me with joy! *(to refrain)*
5. God, you are the god that I long for!  
How my flesh pines! How my soul thirsts!  
So I fix my gaze to your temple,  
to the place your strength and glory are revealed. *(to refrain)*

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*Penitential Litany*

Rory Cooney

Gary Daigle

Hold us in your mercy:

*First response:*



Hold us in your mer - cy.

*Second response:*



Hold us in your mer - cy.

Maker's love poured out from heaven.

Mercy's word-made-flesh among us.

Born as one of homeless pilgrims.

Sent to bring the poor good news.

You who shared the sinner's table.

You who cleansed the leper's flesh.

You who shared our life and labor.

You who chose to walk our roads.

You who silence raging demons.

You who bid the storm be silent.

You whose cross has gone before us.

You who bear our cross with us.

Innocent you faced the guilty.

One in death with us forever.

Come and break the chains that bind us.

Free us from addiction's prison.

Break the power of the darkness.

Let us rise to life with you.

Kyrie eleison! Christe eleison!

Kyrie eleison! Kyrie eleison!

Hold us in your mercy...

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**Universal Prayer**

# LITURGY *of the* EUCHARIST

## Offertory Song: *Come You Sinners*



1. Come you sin - ners, poor and need - y, Weak and  
2. Now, ye need - y, come and wel - come, God's free  
3. Let not con-science make you ling - er, nor of  
4. Come, you wea - ry, hea - vy la - den, bruised and



wound - ed sick and sore, Je - sus, read - y stands to  
boun - ty glo - ri - fy; True be - lief and true re -  
fit - ness fond - ly dream, All the fit - ness he re -  
man - gled by the fall; If you tar - ry till you're



save you, Full of pi - ty, love and pow'r.  
pent - ance, Ev - 'ry grace that brings you nigh.  
quir - eth is to feel your need of him.  
bet - ter, You will nev - er come at all.



I will a - rise and go to Je - sus, he will em -



brace me in his arms. In the arms of my dear



Sav - ior, O, there are ten thou - sand charms.

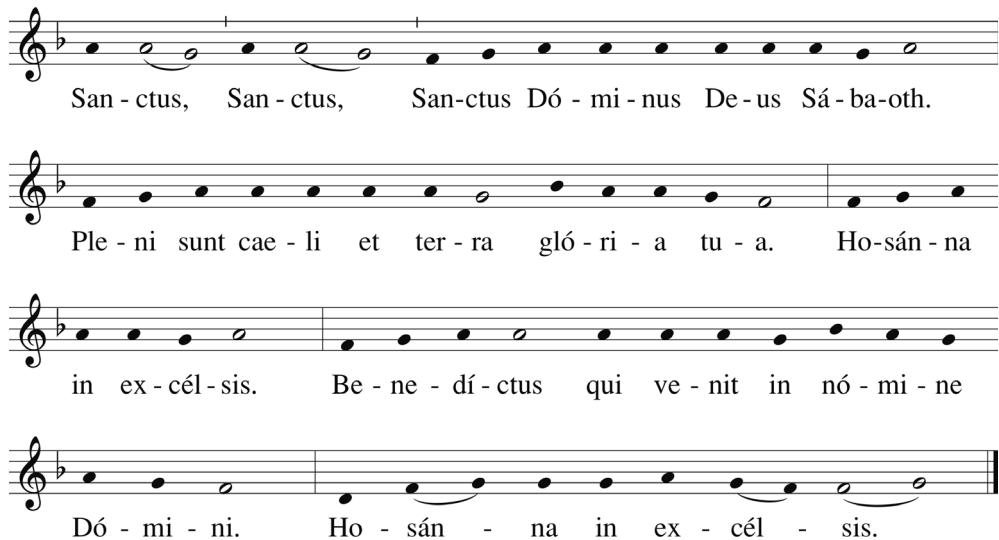
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## Invitation to Prayer

### Preface Dialogue

#### Sanctus from *Missa Cantus*



San - ctus, San - ctus, San-ctus Dó - mi - nus De - us Sá - ba-oth.

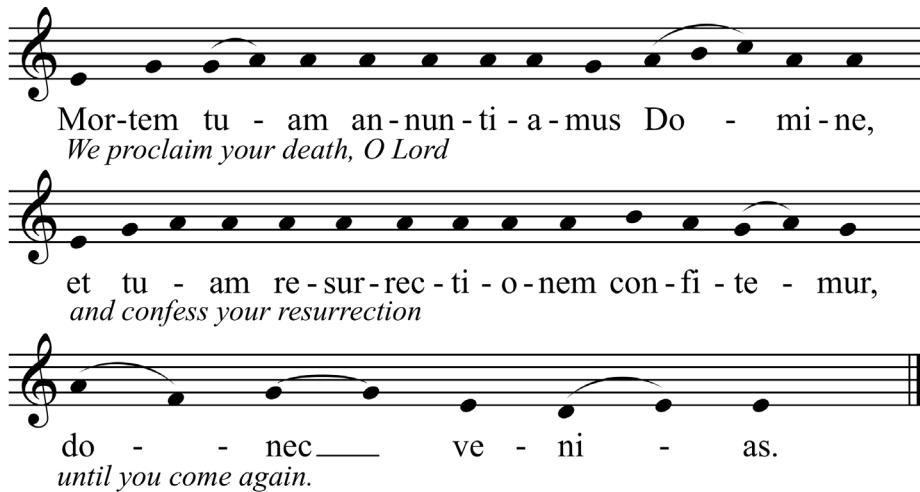
Ple - ni sunt cae - li et ter - ra gló - ri - a tu - a. Ho-sán - na

in ex - cé - sis. Be - ne - dí - ctus qui ve - nit in nó - mi - ne

Dó - mi - ni. Ho - sán - na in ex - cé - sis.

*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.*

## Mysterium Fidei



Mor-tem tu - am an-nun - ti - a - mus Do - mi - ne,  
*We proclaim your death, O Lord*

et tu - am re-sur-rec - ti - o - nem con-fi - te - mur,  
*and confess your resurrection*

do - - - nec\_\_\_\_ ve - ni - - as.  
*until you come again.*

## Agnus Dei from *Missa de Angelis*



A - gnus De - i \* qui tol - lis pec-ca-ta mun - di:  
mi-se - re-re no - bis. A - gnus De - i qui tol - lis

pec-ca-ta mun - di: mi-se - re-re no - bis.

A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec-ca - ta

mun - di: do-na no-bis pa - cem.

*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.*

# Receiving Communion

*We invite members of the Catholic Church to receive the Body and Blood of Holy Communion. For non-Catholic visitors and others not receiving Communion, we invite you to receive a blessing. Signal this to our ministers by crossing your arms over your chest when you reach the front of the line.*

## Communion Processional

70 x 7

Ken Macek  
arr. Paul A. Tate

Debt-ors all, we stand in hum-ble need; for-  
give our ev-'ry sin - ful thought or deed.

You are Perfect Justice, show your Perfect Mercy;  
you who love repentant broken hearts.

Seventy times seven times commanded to forgive;  
in pardoning, reflecting who you are.

Washed of our unworthiness, send us bearing mercy and hope to a world crying for peace.

How then can we pay back all we owe  
if we offer back self-righteousness and anger?

You who hear my plea, keep no ledger of my wrongs!  
May I mirror mercy, the compassion that is you.

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*When We Are Tested*

Ruth Duck

Paul A. Tate



1. When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,  
2. When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,  
3. When we are temp - ted to bar - ter our souls,  
4. When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,

3



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,  
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,  
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,  
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,

3



nour - ish us, God by your word and your way,  
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,  
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,  
Sav - ior, sur-round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.  
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.  
seek - ing your will in the work that we do  
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

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## PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

### O Sacrament Most Holy

O Sacrament most Holy,  
O Sacrament Divine,  
All praise and all thanksgiving,  
Be every moment Thine!

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### Memorare

Remember, O most  
gracious Virgin Mary,  
that never was it known  
that anyone who fled  
to thy protection,  
implored thy help,  
or sought thy intercession,  
was left unaided.  
Inspired by this confidence  
I fly unto thee,

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O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.  
To thee do I come,  
before thee I stand,  
sinful and sorrowful.  
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,  
despise not my petitions,  
but in thy mercy hear  
and answer me.  
Amen.

### O Sacrament Most Holy

O Sacrament most Holy,  
O Sacrament Divine,  
All praise and all thanksgiving,  
Be every moment Thine!

# THE CONCLUDING RITES

**Closing Hymn:** *From ashes to the living font*

Alan Hommerding

Ken Macek



From ashes to the living font, your church must journey,  
**last time** From ash-es to the liv-ing font, your church must jour-ney



Lord. still Bap - tized in grace, in grace re - newed by  
through cross & tomb to East - er joy, in



your spi - rit - ful Word.

Through fasting, prayer and charity  
Your voice speaks deep within,  
Returning us to ways of truth  
And turning us from sin.

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