

# First Sunday of Lent (A)

February 22, 2026

## Entrance

LR-65

*Let Us All Rejoice*

VERSE

When he calls on me, I will answer him;  
I will deliver him and give him glory,  
I will grant him length of days.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 51: 3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17**

*Francesca LaRosa*

REFRAIN

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

VERSE 1

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;  
in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my  
offense.  
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt  
and of my sin cleanse me.

VERSE 2

For I acknowledge my offense,  
and my sin is before me always:  
“Against you only have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in your sight.”

VERSE 3

A clean heart create for me, O God,  
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.  
Cast me not out from your presence,  
and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

VERSE 4

Give me back the joy of your salvation,  
and a willing spirit sustain in me.  
O Lord, open my lips  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Matthew 4:4b**

*Tom Booth*

VERSE

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word  
that comes forth from the mouth of God.

## Offertory

**Be Not Afraid/No Temas Más**

*Bob Dufford SJ*

VERSE 1

You shall cross the barren desert,  
but you shall not die of thirst.  
You shall wander far in safety  
though you do not know the way.  
You shall speak your words in foreign lands  
and all will understand.  
You shall see the face of God and live.

REFRAIN

Be not afraid.  
I go before you always.  
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

VERSE 2

If you pass through raging waters in the sea,  
you shall not drown.  
If you walk amid the burning flames,  
you shall not be harmed.  
If you stand before the pow'r of hell  
and death is at your side,  
know that I am with you through it all.

VERSE 3

Blessed are your poor,  
for the kingdom shall be theirs.  
Blest are you that weep and mourn,  
for one day you shall laugh.  
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you  
all because of me,  
blessed, blessed are you!

## Communion Antiphon

LR-67

*Let Us All Rejoice*

VERSE

The Lord will conceal you with his pinions,  
And under his wings you will trust.

## Communion

### Hosea

#### VERSE 1

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 others' call. [Refrain] Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply our new life. [Verse 2]  
The wilderness will lead you to your heart where I will speak. Integrity and justice with tenderness you shall know. [Verse 3]  
You shall sleep secure with peace; faithfulness will be your joy.

## Meditation

### On Eagle's Wings

*Michael Joncas*

#### VERSE 1

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life, say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"  
[Refrain] And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

#### VERSE 2

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear: under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield.

#### VERSE 3

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day; though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.

#### VERSE 4

For to his angels he's given a command to guard you in all of your ways; upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

#### FINAL REFRAIN

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand. And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

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## **Recessional**

### **Revive Us, O God**

*Jesse Manibusan*

#### **REFRAIN**

Revive us, O God, breathe into us the way of your wisdom, the depth of your trust. You are our hope, you are our light, O God.

#### **VERSE 1**

Weary from the burden of ignorance grown,  
trembling in terror, can hearts be transformed?  
Longing for you to draw near, before we cry out you  
already hear, and

#### **REFRAIN**

Revive us, O God, breathe into us the way of your wisdom, the depth of your trust. You are our hope, you are our light, O God.

#### **VERSE 2**

Weakened by judgement, where is our strength?  
Confined by confusing, our spirits are spent. But this sickness no longer can hide; When we choose your way, choose your truth, when we choose life, you

#### **REFRAIN**

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