MORNING PRAYER

LENT
OPENING DIALOGUE

The Sign of the Cross is made over the lips as the presider intones the versical.

Presider: O Lord, open our lips, And we shall praise your name.

Assembly: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

Presider: For by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.
MORNING HYMN (THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY / LENT WEEK 1)  Before the Fruit Is Ripened

1. Before the fruit is ripened by the sun,
2. Before our Easter praises loudly ring,
3. Before we gain the grace that comes through loss,

Before the petals or the leaves uncoil,
Before the massive rock is rolled aside,
Before we live by more than bread and breath,

Before the first fine silken root is spun,
Before the fear of death has lost its sting,
Before we lift in joy an empty cross,

A seed is dropped and buried in the soil.
A just and loving man is crucified.
We face with Christ the seed’s renewing death.

PSALM 91 (THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY / LENT WEEK 1)  Be with Me, Lord

The cantor intones the antiphon, then the assembly sings the antiphon.
The psalm verses are sung alternately beginning with the cantor, then the assembly.
The antiphon is sung after the Doxology.

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

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Cantor: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, and abides in the shade of the Almighty,
All: says to the LORD, “My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!”
Cantor: Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach your tent.
All: For you has he commanded his angels to keep you in all your ways.
Cantor: They shall bear you upon their hands, lest you strike your foot against a stone.
All: On the lion and the viper you will tread, and trample the young lion and the serpent.
Cantor: Since he clings to me in love, I will free him, protect him, for he knows my name.
All: When he calls on me, I will answer him;
Cantor: I will be with him in distress; I will deliver him, and give him glory.
All: With length of days I will content him; I will show him my saving power.

Cantor: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Spirit that dwells in our hearts.

All: As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Antiphon

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.
THE WORD OF GOD

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the LORD:
Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

Response to the Word of God

Cantor, then all:
Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on us.

Cantor:
You were wounded for our offenses, have mercy on us.

All bow: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

All:
Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on us.

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Silent Reflection

After a moment of silence, the presider stands for the singing of Canticle of Zechariah.
Canticle of Zechariah (Tuesday)

The Sign of the Cross is made at the beginning of the canticle.

1. Now bless the God of Israel, Who comes in love and pow’r, Who raises us from fear, That we might serve in day-spring from on high, Our rising sun, the royal house Deliverance in this hour. Through holiness And peace from year to year; And light of life For those who sit and sigh. God

2. Remembering the covenant, God comes in love and pow’r, Who raises us from fear, That we might serve in day-spring from on high, Our rising sun, the royal house Deliverance in this hour. Through holiness And peace from year to year; And light of life For those who sit and sigh. God

3. In tender mercy God will send The holy prophets God has sworn To you, my child, shall go before To comes to guide our way to peace, That free us from alarm, To save us from the preach, to prophesy, That all may know the death shall reign no more. Sing praises to the heavy hand Of all who wish us harm. tender love, The grace of God most high. Holy One! O worship and adore!


Tune: KINGSFOLD, CMD; English melody; harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958.
THE PRAYERS

INTERCESSIONS

Please respond at the bidding of the cantor.

Hear, O Lord, en-fold us in your mercy.

The Lord’s Prayer

COLLECT

Blessing and Sending

Presider: +May the Lord bless us, guide us, and bring us to everlasting life.
Assembly: Amen.
Presider: Let us bless the Lord.
Assembly: Thanks be to God.

Sharing of Peace
FRIDAYS OF LENT

Eucharist: 
7:00AM, Basilica
Noon, Basilica (Livestream)

Stations of the Cross: 5:30PM
Basilica (Livestream)

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Morning Prayer 9:15AM
Tuesdays & Thursdays of Lent
Zoom

Solemn Vespers 3:00PM
Sundays of Lent
Basilica, (Livestream)

PASSION SUNDAY CONCERT-SCHOLA CANTORUM

Sunday, March 28, 2:30PM
Basilica (Livestream)

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 9:00AM
Saint Joseph Chapel

Taize Prayer
Tuesday, March 30, 5:30PM
Basilica (Livestream)

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