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

Presider:

O Lord, open our lips,

Assembly:

And we shall praise your name.

Presider:

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

Assembly:

For by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.
Morning Hymn (Lent Week 2)

Tree of Life

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1. Tree of Life and awesome mystery, In your death we are reborn, Though you die in all of his story, Still you rise with every morn.
2. Seed that dies to rise in glory, May we see ourselves in you, If we learn to live our sto - ry We may die to rise anew, We may die to rise anew.
3. We remember truth once spoken, Love passed flame our hearts anew, We may all your joy in broken Wears the body of our Lord, Wears the sor - row, We the river, you the sea, We the rise with every morn.
4. Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit, Come in sorrow, If we bear the cross with you, If we sor - row, We the river, you the sea, We the rise with every morn.
5. Christ, you lead and we shall follow, Stumbling death we are reborn, Though you die in all of his story, Still you rise with every morn, Still you die to rise anew, We may die to rise anew.

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Psalm 51 (Lent Week 2)

The cantor intones the refrain, then the assembly sings the refrain.
The assembly repeats the refrain after each psalm verse.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness,
in your compassion, blot out my offense.
O wash me more and more from my guilt and my sorrow,
and cleanse me from all of my sin. Refrain

My offenses truly I know them,
and my sins are always before me:
against you alone have I sinned, O LORD,
what is evil in your sight I have done. Refrain

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
put your steadfast spirit in my soul.
Cast me not away from your presence, O LORD,
and take not your spirit from me. Refrain

Give back to me the joy of your salvation,
let your willing spirit bear me up
and I shall teach your way to the ones who have wandered,
and bring them all home to your side. Refrain

All Bow: All glory be to God the Father,
and to your only Son,
and to the Holy Spirit forever,
and evermore. Amen. Refrain

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Thus says the LORD: Cursed is the man who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season, but stands in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth.
Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: It fears not the heat when it comes, its leaves stay green; In the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit. More tortuous than all else is the human heart, beyond remedy; who can understand it? I, the LORD, alone probe the mind and test the heart, to reward everyone according to his ways, according to the merit of his deeds.

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 (Thursday)

Now Bless the God of Israel

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

The assembly is invited to sing all stanzas with the cantor.

1. Now bless the God of Israel, Who comes in love and pow’r, Who raises us from the royal house De liverance in this hour.
2. Through holy prophets God has sworn To free us from alarm, To save us from the heavy hand Of all who wish us harm.
3. Remembering the covenant, God rescues us from fear, That we might serve in holiness And peace from year to year;
4. And you, my child, shall go before To day-spring from on high, Our rising sun, the tender love, The grace of God most high.
5. In tender mercy God will send The death shall reign no more. Sing praises to the light of life For those who sit and sigh.
6. God comes to guide our way to peace, That comes in love and pow’r, Who raises us from the death shall reign no more. Sing praises to the holy One! O worship and adore!

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THE PRAYERS

INTERCESSIONS

Please respond at the bidding of the cantor.

Hear, O Lord, enfold us in your mercy.

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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

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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**
*“Tears of the Soul”: A Palm Sunday Meditation Concert*
Basilica (Livestream)

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**
Saturday 9:00am
Saint Joseph Chapel

**Taize with Individual Confessions**
Tuesday, March 30, 5:30pm
Basilica (Livestream)

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