

Lent 2 - February 28, 2026
Light of Christ: Meeting Jesus (and others) Again for the First Time
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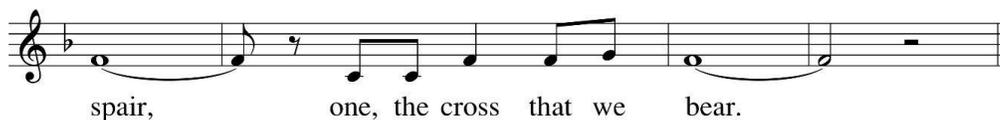
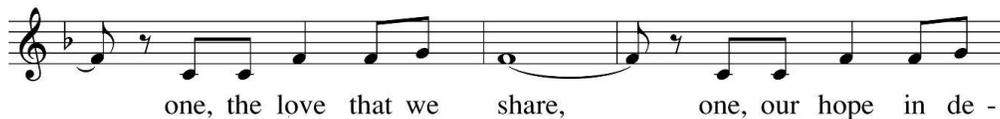
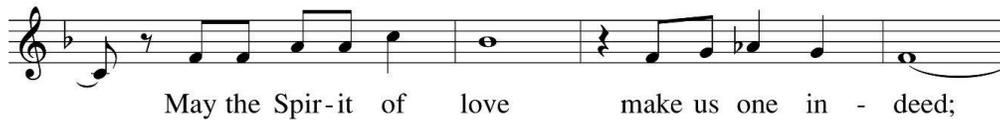
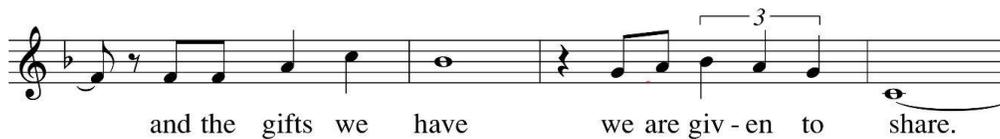
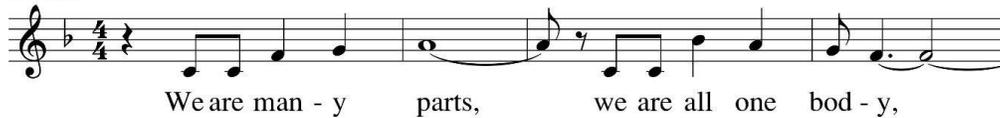


Light of Christ
A BOLDLY INCLUSIVE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Welcome and announcements:

Opening Song: # 727 We are Many Parts
We Are Many Parts

Refrain



Verses



1. God of all, we look to you, we would be your
2. So my pain is pain for you, in your joy is
3. All you seek - ers, great and small, seek the great - est



ser-vants true, let us be your love to all the world.
my joy, too; all is brought to - geth - er in the Lord.
gift of all; if you love, then you will know the Lord.

Invocation and Introduction:

Teri: Let us continue as one expression of God's people.

+ Father, Son, Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Teri: May the Love of God, the peace of our brother Jesus, and the communion and friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

Penitential Rite:



Opening Prayer:

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: - Shannon

Our first reading is from the Book of Genesis (12:1-4)

ADONAI said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and the home of your parents and go to a place I will show you. "I will make you a great people, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and it will be used to bless others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. All the families of the earth will be blessed in you."

Sarai and Abram went as ADONAI directed, and Lot went with them. Abram was seventy-five years old when they left Haran.

This has been a reading from the Book of Genesis. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 33: # 32 Let Your Mercy Be on Us

Psalm 33: Let Your Mercy Be on Us

Refrain

Let your mer - cy be on us, O God,
as we place our trust in you.

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Second Reading: - Shannon

The 2nd reading is from 2nd Timothy (1:8-10)

So do not be ashamed to give your testimony about Christ, and do not be ashamed of me, Christ's prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the Gospel, by the power of God, who has saved us and called us to a holy life — not because of anything we have done, but because of God's own purpose and grace.

This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has destroyed death, and has brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel.

This has been a reading from 2nd Timothy.

Thanks be to God.

Lenten Gospel Acclamation Marty Haugen
Praise to you, Lord Je - sus, king of end - less glo - ry,
Sav-ior of the world, Sav-ior of the world.

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Gospel Reading: Joseph

Joseph: May Christ be with you all. ***And also with you.***

Joseph: A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (17:1-9)
Glory to You, O God.

Six days later, Jesus took Peter, James and John up on a high mountain to be alone with them. And before their eyes, Jesus was transfigured — his face becoming as dazzling as the sun and his clothes as radiant as light.

Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said, “Rabbi, how good that we are here! With your permission I will erect three shelters here — one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah!”

Peter was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them. Out of the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Own, my Beloved, on whom my favor rests. Listen to him!”

When they heard this, the disciples fell forward on the ground, overcome with fear. Jesus came toward them and touched them, saying, “Get up! Do not be afraid.”

When they looked up, they did not see anyone but Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountainside, Jesus commanded them, “Do not tell anyone about this until the Chosen One has risen from the dead.”

This has been a reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.
Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Homily: Joseph

Prayers of the People: - Shannon

Shannon: Our response today is: God of transformation, help us to love.
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Shannon: For our world and our nation. That the gospel values of justice and dignity for all guide us all, especially our elected leaders. We pray:
God of transformation, help us to love.

Shannon: For all people of faith. That we may answer the call to love boldly, widely and indiscriminately. We pray: ***God of transformation, help us to love.***

Shannon: For our siblings at Bethlehem Lutheran as they travel to Nicaragua. That they are safe, sound and transformed as they do the Good Work. We pray: ***God of transformation, help us to love.***

Shannon: For those who struggle, who feel lost, alone or unloved. For those who fear that they must stay hidden or feel unseen. That we may see them and love them as God loves us. We pray: ***God of transformation, help us to love.***

Shannon: For those who are sick, (especially____). that they may feel the healing touch of God's presence. We pray: ***God of transformation, help us to love.***

Shannon: For those who have died, (especially____). That they their souls may rest in God's holy love. And for all who grieve a loss, that the peace of God may nourish them in these days. We pray: ***God of transformation, help us to love.***

Shannon: Now, Fr. Teri will lead us in the prayers that have been typed in the comments.....(PAUSE.....)

Shannon: For these and for all the prayers we share through our hearts, we pray: ***God of transformation, help us to love.***

Shannon: In addition, Prayer Partners will be available after Mass here in the Sanctuary by the back altar. For those at home, or those who have a prayer to share during the week, you can email our Prayer Companion Team at prayercompanionteam@lightofchristecc.org and someone will reach out to you. These prayer ministries welcome and invite you, in confidence, to share your concerns in more detail or depth, or even to pray for you when you can't find the words.

Collect: Teri

Stewardship Prayer: (origin unknown)

TERI: *You remain seated. Let us pray together the Stewardship Prayer. You should have received this on a handout as you arrived. Tim will bring it up on the screen for those of us who join through FB and Youtube.*

Light of Christ is composed of people like me.

I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.

It will be holy, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

It will be prayerful, if I pray.

It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

It will bring others to worship, if I invite and bring them.

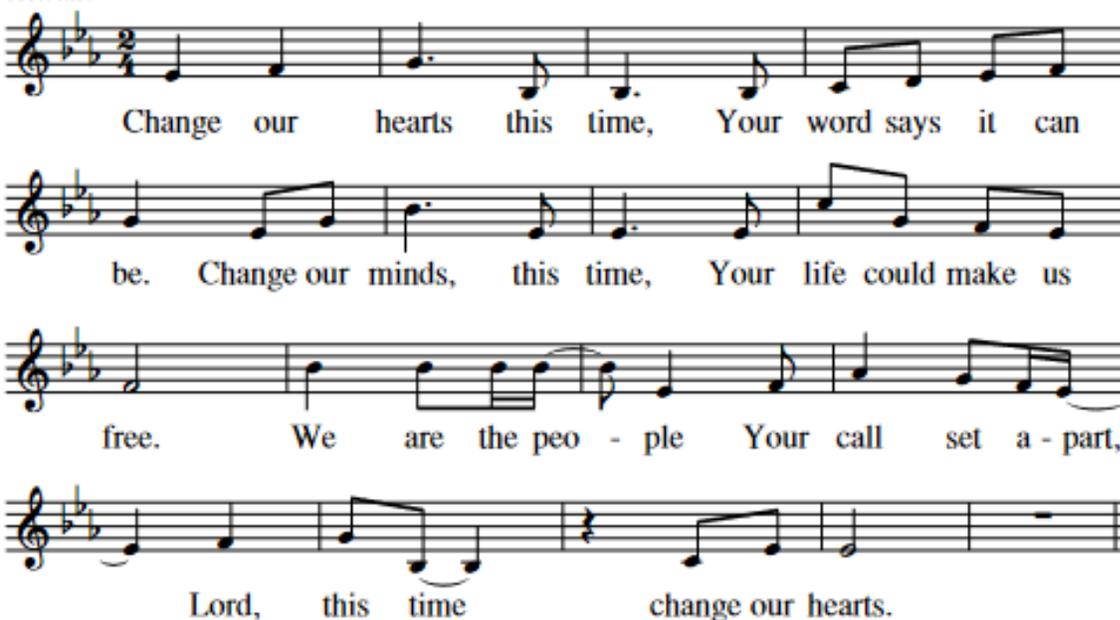
It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity, and mercy, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want Light of Christ to be. Amen.

Sign of Peace:

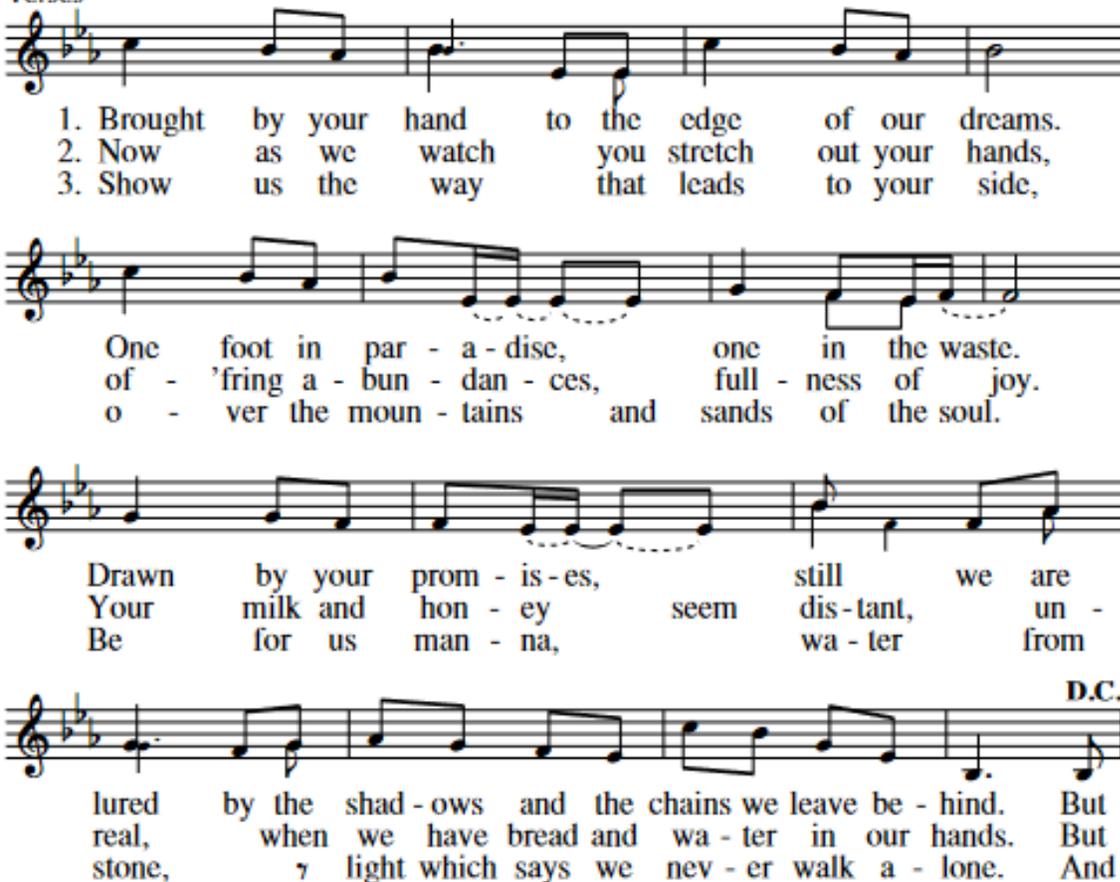
Change Our Hearts

Refrain



Change our hearts this time, Your word says it can
be. Change our minds, this time, Your life could make us
free. We are the peo - ple Your call set a - part,
Lord, this time change our hearts.

Verses



1. Brought by your hand to the edge of our dreams.
2. Now as we watch you stretch out your hands,
3. Show us the way that leads to your side,
One foot in par - a - dise, one in the waste.
of - 'fring a - bun - dan - ces, full - ness of joy.
o - ver the moun - tains and sands of the soul.
Drawn by your prom - is - es, still we are
Your milk and hon - ey seem dis - tant, un -
Be for us man - na, wa - ter from
lured by the shad - ows and the chains we leave be - hind. But
real, when we have bread and wa - ter in our hands. But
stone, 7 light which says we nev - er walk a - lone. And

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preface

Teri: Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation, through your goodness we have this bread and this wine and other food from our cupboards to place on your tables. Work of earth and human hands. May these become our spiritual food and drink. ***Blessed be God forever.***

Teri: Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to place on your table. These gifts have sometimes traveled through the mail to get here, and other times through pockets, purses, and backpacks. They represent our entire lives. May they become the Light of Christ in your world. ***Blessed by God forever.***

Teri: Pray my sisters and brothers, my family, that these our gifts, our lives may continue to be blessed by our Loving God.

ALL: May God accept the sacrifice at our hands, for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good and the good of all God's world.

Teri: Let us all rise in body or spirit.

Teri: The peace of our God is with you all. ***And also with you.***

Teri: Open your hearts. ***We open them to our God.***

Teri: Let us give thanks to our Loving God. ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

Eucharistic Prayer

Teri: Gracious God, source and sustenance of life, redeeming presence to the pain and brokenness of our world, you break open the boundaries of heaven and earth through your Incarnation. You join us in the human experience so Creator and Creation are one, and the earth as it spins is Your Prayer Bead. You hold our hand, wipe our tears, and walk in our streets. You call us beloved, and release your healing power upon us and all we pray for today. You light up our ways with wise and holy people,

and gather us together to be Light as well. This Lent may we encounter you in new ways, inspiring ways, as if we are meeting you in delight for the first time. For all you bring to our lives, and for all we seek, we acclaim your love and greatness, and we join with all creation, and share our voices with the choirs of angels and shepherds coming together as we sing:

Sanctus Marty Haugen

7 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
13 might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry.
18 Ho - san - na in the high - est.
23 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
28 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
san - na in the high - est!

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The Words of Institution

Teri: God of Bread and Wine,

You are most Holy. Send your Holy Spirit upon us, and what we do here gathered at tables throughout your world knowing that all tables are Your Table. May we be touched by your Spirit, to be signs of love and peace to one another, and to the world. + Let also your Spirit come upon these gifts of bread and wine, and other food before us, to make them holy so that these may become for us the Body and Blood of our brother, Jesus the Christ.

Teri: Together let us say:

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours all loving God, forever and ever.

Amen Marty Haugen

Al - le - lu - ia, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, a - men!
Lent: Praise to you, Lord, a - men! Praise to you, Lord, a - men!

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Our Father

Teri: Let us join our hearts together in love, and pray in the words that have been prayed with Jesus for centuries:

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin(g)dom 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... For thine is the Kin(g)dom, the power, and the glory, now and forever.

Agnus Dei Marty Haugen

1.&4. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
2. Prince of Peace,
3. Bread of Life,
world: have mer - cy on us.
world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Teri: This is the Living God, the Body and Blood of Christ. This is the one who transforms the world. This is the one who transforms us. Blessed are we who are called to this meal.

God, I am ready to receive you. Because by your invitation, I am here.

Invitation to Communion

Teri: Gives general instructions for Communion ending with.....The most important thing is that you know that you are welcome here.

Teri: Come as you are, and let us share the meal of Christ together.

Teri: For those of us who join us with Facebook and Youtube, receive the grace that Christ shares with you on this day.

Communion Song: #817 All Who Hunger

All Who Hunger

Verses



1. All who hun-ger, gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na
2. All who hun-ger, nev - er stran-gers, seek-er, be a
3. All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is



is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan-d'ring.
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.



Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for
Here, in joy, we keep the feast. We that once were
Here, in peace, we have been led. Blest are those who



days of full-ness, all a - round us is our food.
lost and scat-tered in com - mun-ion's love have stood.
from this ta - ble live their lives in grat - i - tude.

Refrain



Taste and see the grace e - ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.

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Prayer after Communion:

Teri: Please rise in body or spirit. And let us pray.....

Teri: Let us pray...God, we have shared this meal together. This meal where you have offered to us, bread, wine, and other food from our own cupboards. May this meal nourish us to grow in love for one another, your diverse and holy people, and to work together that all may be One in You. We offer this prayer through our brother, Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

Teri: The Love of God be with you. ***And also with you.***

Blessing and Dismissal

Teri: Please open your hearts, as we ask for God's blessing.

Teri: Be blessed as we begin this Lenten journey. Be blessed with an open heart, open mind, open hands, and open life that God's blessing may be poured into you, and through you, into the world. We ask for this blessing now, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Teri: We are Light of Christ. **We are Light of Christ.**

Let us go forth as such. **Let us go forth as such.**

Loving and serving God. **Loving and serving God.**

As we get to love and serve in God's world.

As we get to love and serve in God's world.

Thanks be to God. ***Thanks be to God.***

Closing Song: Don't Be Afraid

Don't Be Afraid John L. Bell

4 Don't be a-fraid. My love is strong-er, my love is stron-ger than your
7 fear. Don't be a-fraid. My love is strong-er, and
I have prom - ised, prom-ised to be al - ways near.

10 Final ending
I have prom - ised, prom-ised to be al - ways near.

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