

Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle

Washington, District of Columbia



At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.

First Sunday of Lent

February 22, 2026

Saturday Vigil, 5:30pm, 9:00am and 11:00am

Celebration of the Eucharist

*Please take a moment before the liturgy to silence your phone,
and remove as many distractions as possible from your attention.*

ORGAN PRELUDE

Max Reger

O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig, Op. 67, #33
(O Lamb of God, Unspotted)

CHORALE (11:00AM) Schaffe in Mir Gott Johannes Brahms

*Create in me, God, a pure heart, and grant me a new, confident spirit.
Cast me not from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Console me again with your support, and may the joyful spirit uphold me.*

INTROIT (11:00AM) Invocabit me Gregorian Chant

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will rescue him and honor him; with long life will I satisfy him. He who abides in the shelter of the Most High, shall remain under the protection of the God of Heaven.

Psalm 90: 15, 16 and 1

ENTRANCE HYMN

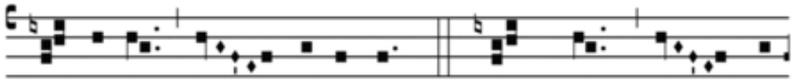
Worship 467

THE GLORY OF THESE FORTY DAYS

PENITENTIAL RITE

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READINGS AND RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Worship 1027

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Robert LeBlanc

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES CREED

See inside Hymnal Cover

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Jacques Berthier

Cantor: *Christi exaudi nos*
Christ hear us.

All: *Kyrie, kyrie, eleison.*
Lord have mercy.



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PREPARATION HYMN Jesus Tempted in the Desert Worship 459
(Please sing verses 1 & 4)

PREPARATION (11:00) Miserere Mei, Deus Alonso de Tejada

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your great mercy.
According to the great multitude of your mercies blot out my iniquities.
Wash me completely and cleanse me from my sins.*

Psalm 51

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER ACCLAMATIONS

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Worship 365

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Mass of Creation

Marty Haugen

Save us, Sav-ior of the world, for by your Cross and Res-ur -
rec-tion you have set us free, you have set us free.

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AMEN

Worship 367

LAMB OF GOD

MASS XVIII

Worship 311

COMMUNION HYMN

FIND REFUGE IN GOD

James Biery

Find re - fuge in God, find re - fuge in God,
find safe - ty, safe - ty un - der his wings.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Worship 463

FROM ASHES TO THE LIVING FONT

[*Note the third verse is from Sunday I Year A*]

ORGAN POSTLUDE Herzlich tut mich verlangen

Max Reger

(My Heart Is Filled With Longing)

THE UNIQUE SOUNDS OF LENT

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026

7:00 PM NORTH CONFERENCE ROOM

Tom Stehle, our Pastoral Associate for Liturgy and Director of Music Ministries, will lead a musical and theological reflection on the hymns, motets and chants of Lent.

No previous musical experience is required to enjoy and appreciate the way that music can convey profound insights and promptings of the Spirit at this special time of the year.

Start your Lent with a well-tuned ear to the treasures of the music of the season.

Organ Recital

Sunday March 22, 2026 3:15pm

Robert Gallagher, former Cathedral Organist, presents an organ recital at 3:15 pm. Recently retired after a distinguished career as Director of Music at River Road Church in Richmond, VA, this concert marks the first public performance by Dr. Gallagher on the completed instrument that he shepherded nearly 40 years ago.

There are limited openings for experienced singers in the Schola Cantorum. Please contact Tom Stehle tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org for an audition.