

SACRED HEART, TAMPA
Fourth Sunday of Lent
5:30 PM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE
15 March 2026

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Opening Song: **The 99** (Bentley | Pardo
| Powell)

Chorus:

I know You left the ninety-nine
To come and rescue me
When I had wandered way too far
From where I'm supposed to be
There ain't no one too far gone
Oh Jesus I believe
'Cause I know You left the ninety-nine
To come and rescue me!

V.1: I was searching,
through the day and night
Trying to fill that empty broken place
That we all feel deep inside
I got so lost.
I was all alone.
Before I knew it, You picked me up
And carried me back home!

Chorus:

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V.2: You're my Shepherd

On this winding road
You lead me by still waters
Where Your love restores my soul
Through the valley,
and the longest night
Surely goodness and mercy
will follow me
All the days of my life!

Chorus:

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PENITENTIAL RITE

Cantor: Lord Jesus, light of the world,
you healed the man who had been born
blind:

Lord have mercy,

All: *Lord have mercy!*

Cantor: Christ Jesus, light of the world,
you summon the sinner to repentance.

Christ have mercy,

All: *Christ have mercy!*

Cantor: Lord Jesus, light of the world,
you call us out of darkness into your
wonderful light:

Lord have mercy,

All: *Lord have mercy!*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

The LORD said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons." As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him." But the LORD said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." In the same

way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any one of these." Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here." Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, "There—anoint him, for this is the one!" Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David

in the presence of his brothers;
and from that day on, the spirit of
the LORD rushed upon David.

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 23

**The Lord is my shepherd.
There is nothing I shall want.**

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Second Reading: Eph 5:8-14

Brothers and sisters: You were once
darkness, but now you are light in the
Lord. Live as children of light, for light

produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Greeting: Thy Word

(Grant/Smith)

**Thy Word, is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light, unto, my path!**

Verse 1:

When I feel afraid
Think I've lost my way.
Still You're there
Right beside me.
Nothing will I fear
As long as You are near.
You are near me till the end!

**Thy Word, is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light, unto, my path!**

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Gospel:

Jn 9:1-41

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" —which means Sent—.

So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am." So they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He replied, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went there and washed and was able to see." And they said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I don't know." They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the

Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight. They asked them,

"Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?" His parents answered and said, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, "He is of age; question him." So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give God the praise! We

know that this man is a sinner." He replied, "If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see." So they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?" They ridiculed him and said, "You are that man's disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from." The man answered and said to them, "This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes.

We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out. When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, the one speaking with you is

he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind." Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

*No repeat of the refrain outside
Ordinary Time - Please be seated.*

Homily

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
 (all bow during the next two lines)
 who was conceived by the Holy
 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day,
he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;

from there he will come
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

Universal Prayer

**Response: “Have mercy on us and on
the whole world.”**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts & Altar: Come As You Are (Glover/Crowder/Maher)

V.1 Come out of sadness,
from wherever you've been
Come broken-hearted,
Let rescue begin
Come find your mercy,
O sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow,
That Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow,
That Heaven can't heal

Chorus: (So) Lay down your burdens
Lay down your shame
All who are broken, lift up your face
O wanderer come home,
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt,
lay down your heart
Come as you are!

V.2 There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table,
come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary,
Rest that endures.
Earth has no sorrow,
that Heaven can't cure

Chorus: (So) Lay down your burdens
Lay down your shame
All who are broken, lift up your face
O wanderer come home,
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt,
lay down your heart
Come as you are!

Bridge:

Come as you are!
Fall in His arms! Come as you are!

V.3 There's joy for the morning,

O sinner be still

Earth has no sorrow,

that Heaven can't heal

Earth has no sorrow,

that Heaven can't heal

Chorus: (So) Lay down your burdens

Lay down your shame

All who are broken, lift up your face

O wanderer come home,

You're not too far

So lay down your hurt,

lay down your heart

Come as you are!

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Eucharistic Acclamations:

Mass of a Joyful Heart (Angrisano)

Holy, Holy – When We Eat – Amen

COMMUNION RITE

Our Father

Lamb of God: Agnus Dei (Honore)

Communion Song 1 – Here's My Heart
(Tomlin | Ingram | Giglio)

Chorus 1:

Here's my heart Lord

Here's my heart Lord

Here's my heart Lord

Speak what is true!

V.1 'Cause I am found, I am Yours
I am loved, I'm made pure
I have life, I can breathe
I am healed, I am free!

V.2 'Cause You are strong, You are sure
You are life, You endure
You are good, always true
You are light, breaking through!

Chorus 2:

Here's my life Lord
Here's my life Lord
Here's my life Lord
Speak what is true
Speak what is true
Speak what is true

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Communion Song 2: Open My Eyes

(Manibusan)

V.1 Open my eyes Lord
Help me to see Your face
Open my eyes Lord
Help me to see

V.2 Open my ears Lord
Help me to hear Your voice
Open my ears Lord
Help me to hear

V.3 Open my heart Lord
Help me to love like You
Open my heart Lord
Help me to love

Bridge:

And the first shall be last
And our eyes are opened
And we'll hear like never before
And we'll speak in new ways
And we'll see God's face
In places we've never known

V.4 I live within you
Deep in your heart O love
I live within you
Rest now in Me

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CONCLUDING RITE

Sending Forth Song – You Are the Light

(Cash/Blakesley)

V.1 Light of the world,
in the cover of the night.
Glorious star,
in the shadows You are shining
Hope for the lost,
salvation for the sinner
You conquered the cross
Oh with the brightness of Your rising!

Chorus:

You are the light! You are the light!
All of heaven and earth are singing,
You are the light!

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