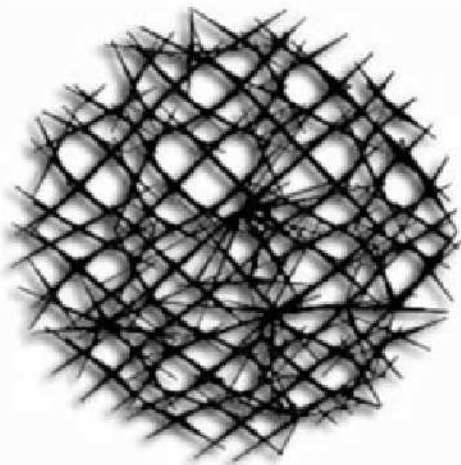






## A WELCOME FROM OUR PASTOR



### ***Welcome to Saint Miriam!***

The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's Passion and Resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare them by a season of penitence.

This ***Season of Lent*** provided a time in which the new converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism and reception into the community of faith. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness and restored into full communion with the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of Christ our Savior, and of the need, which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

Lent begins our forty-day season of preparation for the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter. The season began officially on Ash Wednesday, when we were marked on our foreheads with ashes as a reminder that we are created from dust and to dust we shall return. During Lent we follow Jesus from his adult ministry, through his suffering during Holy Week, to his crucifixion and death on Good Friday. And we read the Psalms that foretold what happened during that week.

Lent is a time of stripping down to essentials, as each Christian focuses on their individual relationship with God. It is a time when Christians remember baptisms, when Jesus washed away sin, giving us newness of life to celebrate in the triumph of Palm Sunday and the glory of Easter. Lent is a time of letting go of the bondage of sin, it is also a time of celebrating the freedom from the bondage of slavery. In Lent, our color is purple. The bells and the alleluias are all silenced and the Gloria is sung no more until the Great Easter Liturgy. The tone will be somber and penitential. We, at Saint Miriam, will sink deeply into Lent in order to rise with Christ in His glory! Blessed and Holy Lent.

Father Jim St George, Pastor

The presiding Priest, and any assisting ministers, make their way up to the chancel, after reverencing the altar, they will remain standing with the Assembly for the Introductory Rites.

# *Introductory Rites*

**ENTRANCE**      stand

## *Processional*

(Please see the inserted bookmark in your hymnal for today's hymn selections and corresponding page numbers in the Gather Hymnal.  
In Lent, we enter and depart in silence)

## **SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GREETING**

Priest: *Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins...*

**All: His mercy endureth forever and ever.**

Priest: In the Name of the Father...

**All: Amen.**

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus...

**All: And also with you!**

## **SIGN OF PEACE**

*The exchange of a sign of peace is a welcomed tradition at Saint Miriam! It may take a little longer than most parishes, but is well worth the added effort! Please, make yourself at home and greet one another in the name of Christ. And, if it is your first time, please don't be shy — meet your new friends! If you wish to not embrace, just put out your hand and everyone will simply shake your hand in return and welcome you to this wonderful place!*

Priest: *The peace of the Risen Lord...*

**All: And also with you!**

Deacon: *Let us offer one another a sign...*

*The Assembled exchange a sign of God's peace with one another!*

## ACT OF PENITENCE

stand

*Priest:* My brothers and sisters, in order to prepare ourselves to celebrate these most holy and sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins and our failings; the ways we have failed God and one another.

*A period of silent reflection is honored and then,*

**All:** I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and what I have failed to do; and I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin, all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

*Priest:* May Almighty God bless us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.

**All: Amen.**

## KYRIE

stand

### KYRIE

The musical notation for the Kyrie consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is divided into two parts: 'Cantor:' and 'Assembly:'. The lyrics are 'Lord, have mer - cy.' for both parts. The second staff is also divided into 'Cantor:' and 'Assembly:'. The lyrics are 'Christ, have mer - cy.' for both parts. The third staff is divided into 'Cantor:' and 'Assembly:'. The lyrics are 'Lord, have mer - cy.' for both parts. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

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## COLLECT

*All remain standing for the reading of the opening prayer.*

*Priest:* The Lord be with you...

**All: And also with you.**

*Priest:* Let us pray...

*after a brief time of silence, the priest says the opening prayer,  
and the Assembly gives consent with,*

**All: Amen**

# Liturgy of the Word

## FIRST READING

A reading from the Hebrew Testament, will be offered.

The Response from the Reader, or *Lector*, comes at the end of the reading and is followed by the acclamation of the Assembly :

*Lector: The Word of the Lord.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

A sung Psalm is offered from the Hebrew Testament. The Psalm changes weekly and the proper response is given by the Cantor and then repeated by the Assembly following each stanza of the Psalm.

The Cantor will raise his or her arm to invite the Assembly to join in the refrain.

## SECOND READING

A reading from the New Testament, or an Epistle from the New Testament will be offered.

The Response from the Reader, or *Lector*, comes at the end of the reading and is followed by the acclamation of the Assembly:

*Lector: The Word of the Lord.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL

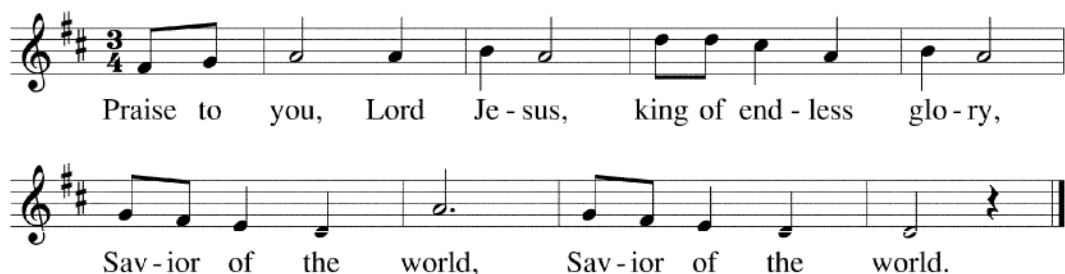
The Gospel proclamation is very special to Saint Miriam. *All* are invited to enjoy and participate!

The candle bearers will come forward at the start of our *Alleluias* and bear the lights to bring God's word to our *Gospel Circle* in front of the Altar.

You are welcome to enjoy the reading from your seats, or stand to form concentric circles to proclaim the Gospel '*in round*'! Please join us as the Gospel book is raised and we dance, ring our "Saint Miriam bells", sing aloud, touch the Lord's words, embrace the book, or even

## ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL stand

### LENTEN ACCLAMATION



Praise to you, Lord Je - sus, king of end - less glo - ry,  
Sav - ior of the world, Sav - ior of the world.

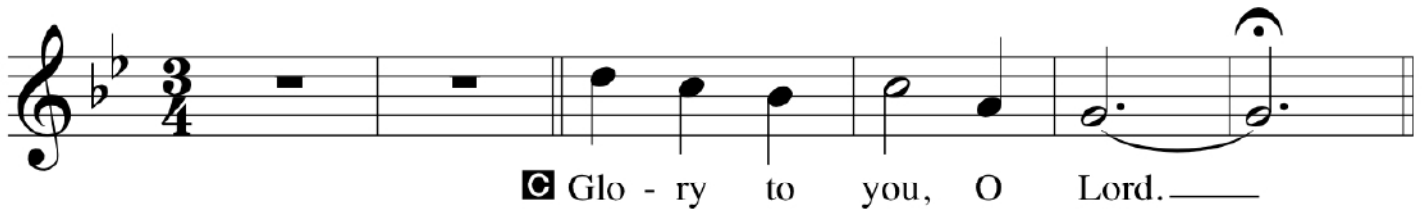
*Priest or Deacon: The Lord be with you.*

**All: And also with you.**

*Priest or Deacon: A Reading from the Holy Gospel....*

**All: Glory to you, O Lord!**

Sung Response:



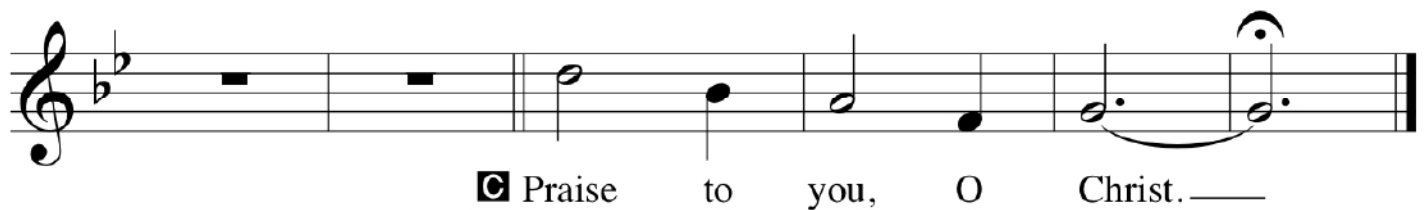
(The Gospel is Proclaimed)

*After the Gospel is Proclaimed:*

*Priest or Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.*

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sung Response:



**HOMILY** be seated

*[after the sermon, a time of silence and reflection is honored]*

## LITANY OF PENTITENCE

**All: Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

Priest: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

**Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**Have mercy on us, Lord**

We confess, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For our pollution of all creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

**Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

**That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

**Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

Priest: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel.

Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## PROFESSION OF FAITH stand

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in being with the Father. Through God all things were made.

*[all bow during the next two lines]*

For us, and our salvation, He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit, He was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died, and was buried.

On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures: He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son, *[slight bow]* He is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead *[sign of the cross]*, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL be seated

The various prayers are read, and after each section of prayers, the reader ends with the acclamation; the response of the assembly then follows.

*Reader: Let us pray for ...*

### TRI-LINGUAL INTERCESSION RESPONSE

Carol Browning





# SANCTUS

## SANCTUS

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est.  
Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high-est.

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# MYSTERY OF FAITH

*Priest or Deacon: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith...*

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION C

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we pro-  
claim your death, Lord Je-sus, un - til you come in glo-ry.

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# LORD'S PRAYER

stand

## LORD'S PRAYER—LYRIC LITURGY

*Priest:*



Let us pray with con-fi-dence to the Fa - ther  
in the words our Sav - ior gave us:

*All:*



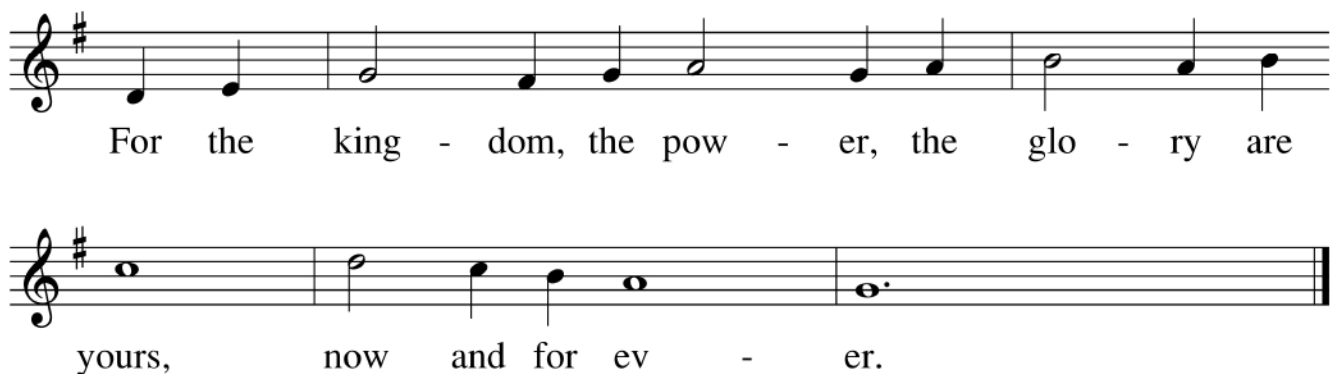
Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy  
name; thy king - dom come; thy will be done on  
earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread; and for - give us our tres - pass - es as we for -  
give those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and  
lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de -  
liv - er us from e - vil.

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## DOXOLOGY

*Priest: Deliver us Lord, from every evil and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.*

*After the prayer "Deliver Us":*



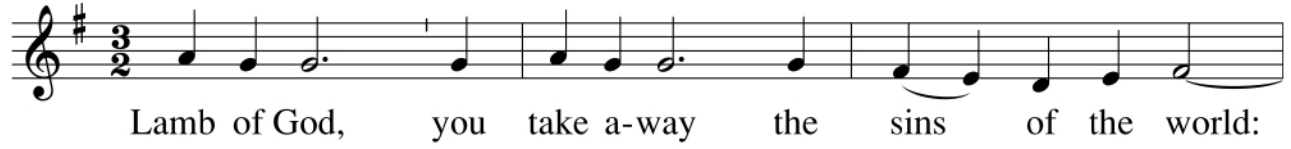
For the king - dom, the pow - er, the glo - ry are  
yours, now and for ev - er.

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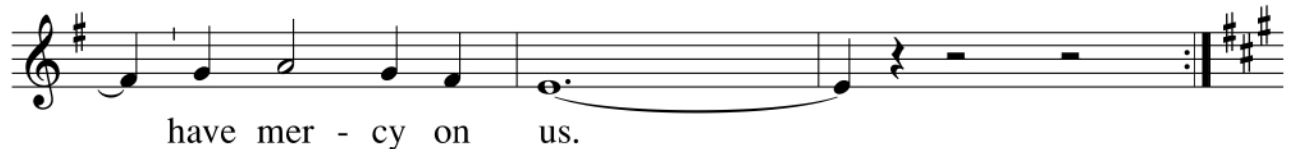
# AGNUS DEI

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*Cantor or choir, then all:*

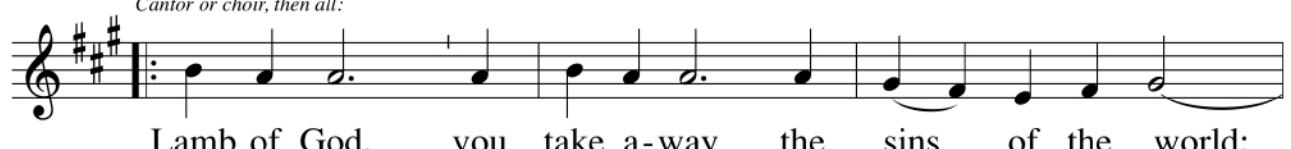


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world:

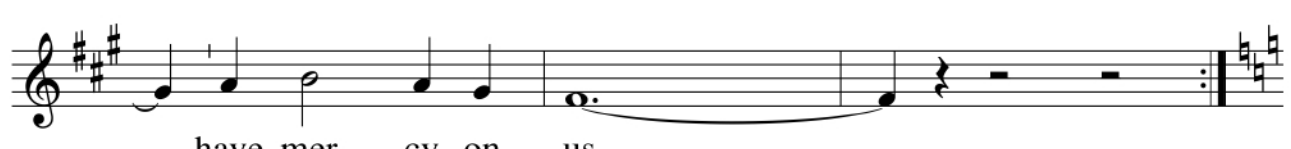


have mer - cy on us.

*Cantor or choir, then all:*

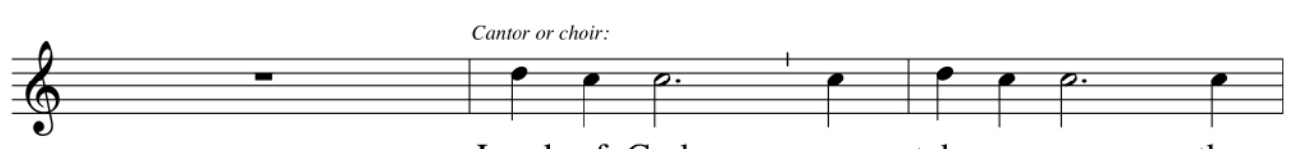


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world:




have mer - cy on us.

*Cantor or choir:*

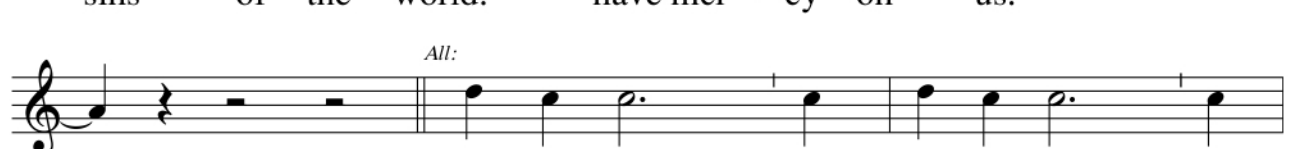


Lamb of God, you take a-way the




sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

*All:*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sins of the world: grant us peace.

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## COMMUNION HYMN

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at Saint Miriam. As Catholics, the reception of Holy Communion is a sign of our unity in faith and life in the Catholic Church. We believe in the real Presence of Christ at the Table. Therefore, when you receive the consecrated Bread or Wine, please respond with your affirmation, "Amen!" You may receive the Bread on your tongue, or in your hands crossed over one another; the Wine should come from the Chalice and please do not intinct (*dip your Bread into the Cup*). If, for any reason, you do not wish to drink from the Cup, please simply fold your arms across your chest and receive a blessing as you pass.

## COMMUNION

### PERIOD OF SILENCE

*When the distribution of Holy Communion is completed,  
there is a period of silence for individual prayer.  
Then, a meditation hymn is offered.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

stand

Priest: "The Lord be with you."

**All: And also with you.**

*Priest: "Let us pray."*

*[All pray in silence. The priest then says a Prayer after Communion. The people respond...]*

**All: Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MISSION MOMENT

Certain announcements are highlighted at this point, and the Assembly is invited to add to these for the benefit of the community. Also one time each month, a member will also highlight some way that Saint Miriam has impacted their life.

# Concluding Rite

## GREETING

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## BLESSING

*[the blessing is first sung by the priest, and at the end, the people return their blessing in song, and then together, all proclaim their consent with a sung 'Amen.']*

### A BLESSING

Vicki Klima

Michael Joncas

Adapt. by George Szews and M.J.



May God bless you, hold and keep you;



may God's mer-cy shine on you, guide your work and



guard your rest-ing, keep your love for - ev - er new.

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Response

### AMEN



A - men, a - men, a - men.

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## DISMISSAL

Deacon: The Mass is ended, go in peace. to love and serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

