



CELC SUNDAY

March 1, 2026 8:15 am

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Kum Ba Yah”
Jubilate Bells

arr. by Sondra Tucker

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
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suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

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***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**



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***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

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*OFFERING SONG

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take



not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of



your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
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and lead us not into temptation,
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For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION

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COMMUNION MUSIC

“Lenten Prayer”
Jubilate Bells

Susan T. Nelson

***BLESSING**

*SENDING HYMN

#339 "Christ, the Life of All the Living"

1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,
3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,

Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;
for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;

through your suf - f - ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.
for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,

Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
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for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

***SENDING**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Postlude in G Major, Mosso moderato”

A. Menlemeester

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CELC Children and Preschool, Kindergarten & First Grade Sunday School Children

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COMMUNION MUSIC

#336 "Lamb of God"

Verse 1

Your only Son no sin to hide
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God

Refrain

O Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God
I love the holy Lamb of God
O wash me in His precious blood
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

Verse 2

Your gift of love we crucified
We laughed and scorned Him as He died
The humble King we named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God **Refrain**

Verse 3

I was so lost I should have died
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod
And to be called the Lamb of God **Refrain**

***BLESSING**

***SENDING HYMN “Down In My Heart (I’ve Got the Joy)”**

I’ve got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart, (Where?)
Down in my heart, (Where?) down in my heart.
I’ve got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart, (Where?)
Down in my heart to stay!

I’ve got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus down in my heart, (Where?)
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