

St. Benedict Parish
First Sunday of Lent–Mass
Hymn Sheet

Gathering Hymn: “Forty Days and Forty Nights”

1. Forty days and forty nights you were fasting in the wild;
Forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled.
2. Shall not we your sorrow share and from worldly joys abstain,
Fasting with unceasing prayer, strong with you to suffer pain?
3. Then if Satan on us press, flesh or spirit to assail,
Victor in the wilderness, grant we may not faint or fail!
4. So shall we have peace divine: holier gladness ours shall be;
Round us, too, shall angels shine, such as served you faithfully.

Responsorial Psalm: (SUNG) “Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth
to those who keep your covenant.”

Preparation Hymn: INSTRUMENTAL

Communion hymn: “You Are Near”

Refrain: O Lord, I know, you are near, standing always at my side. You guard me from the foe,
and you lead me in ways everlasting.

1. Lord, you have searched my heart, and you know when I sit and when I stand. Your hand
is upon me, protecting me from death, keeping me from harm. (Ref.)
2. Where can I run from your love? If I climb to the heavens you are there; if I fly to the
sunrise or sail beyond the sea, still I’d find you there. (Ref.)
3. You know my heart and its ways, you who formed me before I was born, in the secret of
darkness before I saw the sun in my mother’s womb. (Ref.)
4. Marvelous to me are your works; how profound are your thoughts, my Lord. Even if I
could count them, they number as the stars, you would still be there. (Ref.)

Recessional Hymn: "Led By the Spirit"

1. Led by the spirit of our God, we go to fast and pray,
With Christ into the wilderness we join his paschal way.
"Rend not your garments, rend your hearts. Turn back your lives to me."
Thus says our kind and gracious God, whose reigns is liberty.
2. Led by the spirit we confront temptation face to face,
And know full well we must rely on God's redeeming grace.
On bread alone we cannot live, but nourished by the word.
We seek the will of God to do; this is our drink our food.
3. Led by the spirit, now draw near the waters of rebirth
With hearts that long to worship God in spirit and in truth.
"Whoever drinks the drink I give shall never thirst again."
Thus says the Lord who died for us, our Savior, kin and friend.