

**St. Benedict Parish
First Sunday of Lent
Mass Hymn sheet**

Gathering Hymn

#121 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 reign 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 and 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.

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Responsorial Psalm

PSALM 91: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C



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Gospel Acclamation

LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION NO. IX-A



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Preparation Hymn

#682 Softly and Tenderly

1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

Refrain

Come home, come home, you who are weary, come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling for you to come home!

2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me?
3. O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.

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Communion Hymn

#437 On Eagle's Wings

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear:
under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield.
3. You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.
4. For to his angels he's given a command to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

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Recessional Hymn

#715 Lift High the Cross

Refrain:

Lift high the cross The love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world Adore His sacred name.

1. Led on their way By this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God In conquering ranks combine.
2. Each newborn servant Of the Crucified
Bears on the brow The seal of Him who died.
3. O Lord, once lifted On the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised Draw the world to Thee.
4. So shall our song Of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified For victory.

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Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.