

The First Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2021

THE HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)

10:00 am



Prelude:

The glory of these forty days

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Welcome

Bless the Lord who forgives our sins and redeems us for service.
God's mercy endures forever.

Litany in the Season of Lent

With open hearts and attentive minds, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

That this season of Lent may be a holy time of looking within to find God's will and direction in our lives, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That a spirit of peace and forbearance may grow among the nations of the world, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That *N.*, our President, and all in authority may serve the common good, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That all members of the Church may hear God's call to repentance, amendment of life, and new beginnings, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That the leadership of the Church may exercise ministries of servanthood to all people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That all bishops, priests, deacons, and lay people may awaken to the ministries God sets before us, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That the children of our Church may be made to feel loved and cared for, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That all children of the world may know God's protection and mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That the aged and infirm may find care and pastoring among us, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That all programs, committees, and projects of this congregation may be reformed and directed always to your will, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That unity may overcome estrangement, forgiveness heal guilt, and joy conquer despair, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That a spirit of trust, patience, and mutual ministry might support all the work we have in this place, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That reconciliation and forgiveness become our focus and our pursuit, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may be used as a light to the nations and as salt of the earth, let us pray to the Lord

Lord, have mercy.

That all who hunger for your truth and all who seek your peace may find this place to be a well and refuge, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That all who are sick, in danger, or coping with hardship may find their lives healed, strengthened, and equipped for God's service, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

We especially pray for: Milt Barnes Jr., Elizabeth Beattie, Robert Blanchet, Kate Carroll, Beverly Chace, Dorothy Cross, Betty Daiute, Noah Evans, Ali Funnell, Marcia Galazzi, Ernest Gordon, Mary Beth Guiliano, Adelaide Hubler, Ruth Evans Jones, Bill Kirkby, Joe Manson, Tyler Marshall, Ed Mason, Bill Nemitz, Dianna Oliveira, Jennifer Peters, Bill Wahlquist, The Bayuk Family, Linda Stabb, Jared, Mike. For all our service women and men.

We pray for those affected by COVID 19, especially those on the front lines: Dr. Susan Cornell, Kristin Crighton, Dr. Donald Dupuis, Liberty Jane Dupuis, Steven Isner, Carol LaBranche, Kristian Kurtzke, Jenn Marlin, Dr. David Meguerdichian, Dr. Nadia Huancuhuari, Dr. Michael Meguerdichian, Joy, Danielle Pensa, Meg Nemitz, Kelly Crossland, Justin Tavano, Holly Tavano, Kimberly Topping, Mike Topping, Peter Vogt and those we now name silently or aloud.

(Unmuted, the people may add their own petitions and then mute again).

That all who have died may be gathered to your kingdom of mercy and rest in your house forevermore, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

Unmuting for the moment, we pray especially for the souls of all the departed.

(Unmuted, the people may add their own petitions and then mute again).

We pray for the search for a rector for this parish.

Confession of Sin

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

Let us confess our sins to God and to our neighbor.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy on us.
Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have Mercy on us.
Holy God Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy on us.**

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A reading from Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-9 (*sung by Cantors*)

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

A reading from 1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 143 The glory of these forty days (omit vs 5) *Erhalt uns, Herr*
(please remain muted)



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -
 4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full
 * 5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to



1 ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
 2 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
 3 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
 4 oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spi - rits strength - en
 5 thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold



1 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
 2 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
 3 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
 4 with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.
 5 Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Joseph Robinson

The Nicene Creed

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, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with 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], who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory Solo: *O Love of God, how strong and true*
de Tar; Calvin Hampton

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer C*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, *“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”*

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, *“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”*

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Holy Jesus, Redeemer of the World, We believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of this altar. Even while we are unable to receive you in the elements of bread and wine, we invite you to enter our hearts and be our companion along the way. As we receive you in spirit, we long to know your presence in the community of believers once again. Awaiting in hope, we rest in the faith that you are present in every moment of our lives and will never leave us comfortless. For all good things come from you O lord, and from that goodness, lead us to the love to others. For you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

Hymn 669 Commit thou all that grieves thee
(see page 11)

Herzlich tut mich verlangen

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(please remain muted)

Herzlich tut mich verlangen

1 Com - mit thou all that grieves thee and fills thy heart with
 2 O trust the Lord then whol - ly, if thou wouldst be se -
 3 Thy last - ing truth and mer - cy, O Fa - ther, see a -
 4 Hope on, then, bro - ken spi - rit; hope on, be not a -

care to him whose faith - ful mer - cy the
 cure; his work must thou con - sid - er for
 right the needs of all thy chil - dren, their
 fraid: fear not the griefs that plague thee and

skies a - bove de - clare, who gives the winds their
 thy work to en - dure. What prof - it doth it
 an - guish or de - light: what lov - ing wis - dom
 keep thy heart dis - mayed: thy God, in his great

cours - es, who points the clouds their way; 'tis
 bring thee to pine in grief and care? God
 choos - eth, re - deem - ing might will do, and
 mer - cy, will save thee, hold thee fast, and

he will guide thy foot - steps and be thy staff and stay.
 ev - er sends his bless - ing in an - swer to thy prayer.
 bring to sure ful - fill - ment thy coun - sel good and true.
 in his own time grant thee the sun of joy at last.

Postcommunion Prayer

Let us pray.

Eternal God, **by grace you accept us
as living members of your Son Jesus Christ,
and feed us with spiritual food
in this sacrament of his Body and Blood.**
Send us now into the world in peace
to do your work of reconciliation
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To Him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit
may all creation sing hymns of thanks and praise. Amen.

Blessing

May the God of all journeys, who drew Jesus into the wilderness, draw us all into this season of reflection and devotion. **Amen.**

May the God of all wisdom give us eyes to discover the face of God we hide within us, and the courage to share it with the whole world. **Amen.**

May the God of all resurrection lift us up and give us clean hearts for the work of God's eternal kingdom. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *The glory of these forty days* Johann Walther

Celebrant The Rev. Joseph Robinson

Preacher The Rev. Joseph Robinson

Organist Joan Kirchner

Cantors Joan Kirchner and Diana Landau

Readers/Intercessors Brian Ridgeway, Jack Gentile and Fay and Ike Cole

❖ **The Annual Meeting follows directly after this service.**

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