

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

TURN: PAUSE, LISTEN, AND CHOOSE TO FOLLOW JESUS

LENT IS A SEASON SET APART . . .

Liturgy: There are several significant liturgical changes. We open with the Kyrie (see the song on the facing page to learn what this means), the Penitential Order and confession. This emphasizes that Lent is a time for turning and re-turning to God. There is no Gloria and no speaking of the word “alleluia!” in Lent. We will hear these words on Easter Day! Finally, after the Post-communion prayer, the priest will offer a Solemn Prayer, instead of the usual blessing. This prayer changes with each week of Lent.

Colors: We replace the green of Epiphany with purple and burlap. Purple is the color of humility, penance, and wisdom that comes from inward discernment. It is also the color of royalty. The extreme differences between the two (humility and royalty) express one of the great lessons of Lent: Christ as the servant-king and our attempt to be as such to the world as well. In penitential theology, purple is the color of inward reflection, which is one of the important things we are called to do each Lent in preparation for Easter. Burlap is a rough and simple cloth. It signifies the fasting, doing without, of Lent. (Attribution: <https://doers.org/liturgical-colors-of-the-church/>)

Seating: Our chairs are turned to face one another. This stark contrast from our usual forward facing chair arrangement wakes us up to the Lent as a season of penitence. In Lent, we seek to turn to God more fully. We face one another to confess our need for God and the ways in which we have not loved God and our neighbors with our whole hearts.

Baptismal Font: The baptismal bowl is removed and Christ’s cross replaces it. This serves as a reminder that “the spiritual grace of our baptism is union with Christ in his death and resurrection” (Book of Common Prayer, Catechism, p. 858).

Music: Several musical changes mark the lenten season. We do not open with a rousing gathering hymn, but with the Kyrie, asking God for mercy. Each offertory hymn in Lent speaks to the Way of Love practice highlighted in Forum, in the bulletin, and in preaching. Finally, musical selections tend to be more solemn and meditative in Lent.

The Way of Love In Lent: The journey through Lent into Easter is a journey with Jesus. Each week in our lenten liturgy, we will focus on one of the seven ancient practices for a Jesus-centered life: Turn, Pray, Learn, Bless, Rest, Go and Worship.

This week, we focus on TURN: pause, listen and choose to follow Jesus.

We love pictures and videos, and we love sharing what we do on social media. When attending our events or services, you agree to our using pictures of you and any children in your charge on social media and elsewhere. If you prefer not to be included in photos or video, please inform a staff member or usher.

PRELUDE 10:30am only

TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS

ARR. NATALIE SORENSON

The congregation stands.

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

The congregation joins in singing "Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison," which is Greek for "Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy." Cantor sings the verses. The altar party enters.

Ky-ri-e, e - le-i-son. Chri-ste, e - le-i-son.

Ky-ri-e, e - le - i - son..

OPENING ACCLAMATION


Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People God's mercy endures forever.

THE DECALOGUE At 8am, the antiphon is spoken. At 10:30, congregation sings the antiphon.

The people stand or kneel.

Presider Hear the commandments of God to the people:
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.
You shall have no other gods but me.

Antiphon:  *People*
Lord, have mer-cy up-on us, and in-cline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not make for yourself any idol. (a)

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God. (a)

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. (a)

Honor your parents. (a)

You shall not commit murder. (a)


You shall not commit adultery. (a)

You shall not steal. (a)

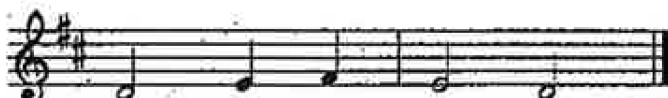
You shall not be a false witness. (a)

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

After the 10th Commandment



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us, and write all these thy laws in our



hearts, we be-seech thee.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence is kept.

People Almighty and most merciful God,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our
 own hearts,
we have offended against your holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to
 have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to
 have done.
But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare those who confess their faults,
restore those who are penitent,
according to your promises declared unto humankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Creator, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

Presider The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true
repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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.

People **Amen.**

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES *Seated*

THE FIRST LESSON

Reader A reading from the Book of 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."

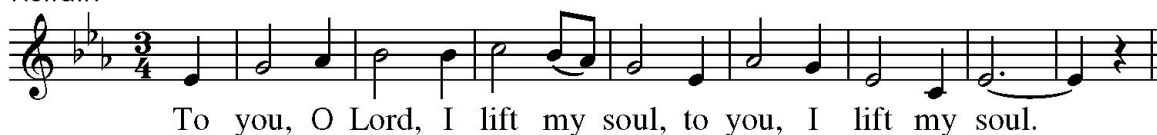
The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM OF THE DAY *At 8am, spoken.* 25

The congregation sings the antiphon one time through before the spoken verses.

Refrain



Verses

1. Lord, make me know your ways, teach me your paths
and keep me in the way of your truth, for you are God, my Savior. **REFRAIN**
2. For the Lord is good and righteous, revealing the way to those who wander,
gently leading the poor and the humble. **REFRAIN**
3. To the ones who seek the Lord, who look to God's word, who live God's love,
God will always be near, and will show them mercy. **REFRAIN**

THE SECOND LESSON

Reader A reading from the second letter of 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.

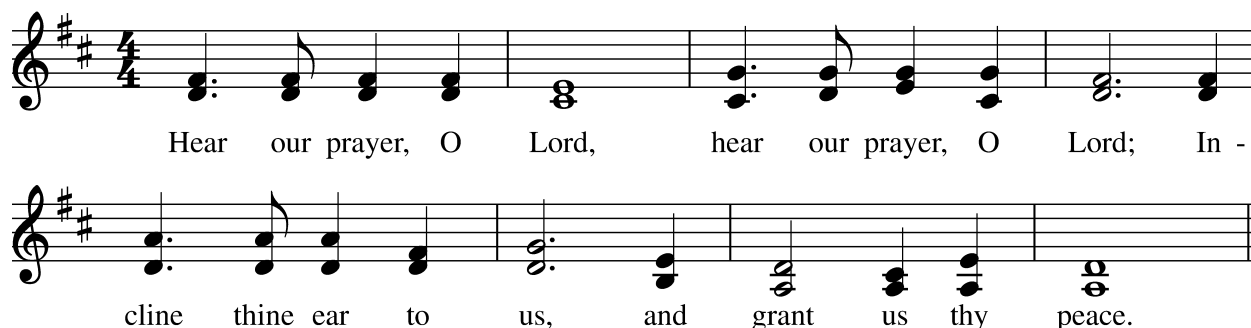
People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ANTIPHON *Stand*

HEAR OUR PRAYER, O LORD

LEVAS 249

Sung twice.



THE GOSPEL

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. 1:9-15

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.**

GOSPEL ANTIPHON

HEAR OUR PRAYER, O LORD

Sung once. See previous page for music and lyrics.

SERMON

THE REV. LAURIE ANZILOTTI

After the sermon, silence is kept for a time.

THE NICENE CREED *Stand*

Deacon We affirm our faith in the One, Holy and Living God.

People **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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son 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, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer changes people. Prayer is not about changing God, but about changing us more into the likeness of God. Collectively and individually we offer the hopes and desires of our hearts to God. The Deacon, when present in the liturgy, offers the prayers for those who are sick or have asked our prayers.

Deacon We pray to the Eternal One for courage to give ourselves in service to Christ. *Silence is kept for a time.*

After each prayer, all say, "Give us strength and hear our prayer."

Presider offers a collect, a prayer meant to gather the intentions of the people in a succinct way.

Please see our parish Prayer Lists, which can be found on the blue announcement sheet for additional biddings and concerns. If you would like to make a prayer request, please complete our Prayer Request Form which can be accessed on our website or at the back of the church and placed in the office plate.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

We invite you to take a moment and extend the peace of God to the members of your household and then to people in the world that you love and struggle to love.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Seated*

THE OFFERTORY 8:00am only

TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS
PERFORMED BY JOSH GARRELS

THE OFFERTORY 10:30am only

TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS

1. Turn your eyes up - on Je - sus; Look full in His won - der - ful
2. Turn your eyes up - on Je - sus. Take hold of His pow - er - ful

face, hand. And the things of earth will grow strange - ly
He will lift you up in His might - y

dim In the light of His glo - ry and grace.
love. In the strength of your God you can stand.

As the ushers bring forth the offering, all stand.

1 CHRON. 29:14

Presider All things come from you , O Lord,

People And we have given you only what comes from your hand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Say at 8am:

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Sing at 10:30am:

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

Presider

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Priest:
Let us pro-claim the mys - ter - y of faith:

All:
Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.

Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain!

Presider

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the Blessed Mary, St. Francis, St. Clare, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

AMEN

A - men, a - men, a - men!

A - men, a - men, a - men!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People 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

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore, let us keep the feast.

FRACTION ANTHEM

At 8am, spoken.

All O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

At 10:30am, sung.

First Invocation

Cantor: Je - sus, Lamb of God, *All:* you take a-way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

Invocations

Cantor: 1. Bread of life and sav - ing cup,
2. King of kings and Lord of lords, you take a - way the
3. Lov - ing Sav - ior, Prince of peace,
sins of the world: have mer-cy, have mer-cy on us.

Last Invocation

Cantor: Je - sus, Lamb of God, *All:* you take a-way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy, and grant us your peace.

Presider God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

Our bread is gluten-, dairy- and nut-free. This Eucharistic table does not belong to the Episcopal Church or to St. Francis'. This is God's table, and all are welcome. In the Episcopal Church, we receive both the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Jesus. If you choose not to receive communion, please come forward and cross your arms over your heart to receive a blessing.

Spi - rit of God, un - seen as the wind, gen - tle as is the dove:

1. 2. *last time Fine*

teach us the truth and help us be-lieve, show us the Sa-viour's love! love!

1 You spoke to us long, long a - go, gave us the writ-ten word;
2 With-out your help we fail our Lord, we can-not live his way;

D.C.

we read it still, need-ing its truth, through it God's voice is heard.
we need your power, we need your strength, fol - low-ing Christ each day.

THE GREAT SILENCE

Once all have received communion and the Holy Table has been cleared, the community observes a moment of silent reflection and prayer.

Presider Jesus said to his disciples, "Come away to a quiet place and rest for a while." Therefore, let us now rest in Christ's presence in the silence.

A prolonged silence is kept. At a signal from the Presider, the silence is broken.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Stand*

After the Great Silence the Presider invites the congregation to stand and pray saying:

Presider God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Together, let us pray.

People **Eternal God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live lives grounded in service to you and to one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The Presider prays over the people as a reminder of God's extravagant love and invites us to go into the world to be God's blessing.

Deacon Bow down your hearts before the Lord our God.

The Presider offers the prayer over the people.

Presider Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN *10:30am*

FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS

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1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;
2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!
4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;



1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?
3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!
4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.
5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Our worship is ended. Our service in the world begins. Go into the world to love what God loves. Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *10:30am only*