



# St. Francis' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday, March 6, 2022

The First Sunday in Lent



## *Return to God*

## ABOUT WORSHIP IN THE SEASON 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 Lent as a season different from all others. 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).

**Lectionary:** The lectionary is an ordered system for reading the Holy Scriptures at the Eucharist. The Episcopal Church typically uses the Revised Common Lectionary, as do Roman Catholics, Lutherans and other denominations. This lenten season, with the encouragement of the Bishop and the full endorsement of St. Francis' Worship Committee, our readings come from *A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church* by Wilda Gafney. Gafney writes that the aim of her lectionary is to "specifically and intentionally make women visible in the lectionary text. This will inevitably seem strange to some hearers or readers. Some will find it welcome and a signifier of inclusion. Some will find it discordant ... My language, like all language, is simply inadequate to express the fullness of God in and beyond the world or even in human creation." If you would like more information about *A Women's Lectionary*, watch the Forum on it led by Rev. Laurie on our YouTube channel or ask at the office for further reading. Questions or comments? Schedule a time to speak with seminarian David Luckes or Rev. Laurie.

**Music:** As a season of fasting and quiet contemplation, our music is scaled back. We open in silent meditation and speak the parts of the mass—Holy, Great Amen and Lamb of God.

At St. Francis we say, "there are no mistakes in worship." If you sit or stand at a different time than others or sing off key, it is all pleasing to the God we worship. All we do and all we are is brought before God as an offering in our Eucharist.

*Bell rings three times to initiate silence. Silence is kept.*

*Silence ends when the bell rings one time.*

*Stand as the Presider enters.*

## **A PENITENTIAL ORDER**

Presider            Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People             **His mercy endures for ever.**

Presider            Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

Jesus said, "The first [commandment] is: Hear, O Israel: the Holy One our God, the Holy is One; you shall love the Holy One your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:29-31

Presider            Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept.*

Presider and people

**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.**

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

People             **Amen.**

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

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on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, who knit us together in our mothers' wombs: Create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us, that we may embrace the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ our Lord; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS *Sit*

### THE FIRST LESSON

Reader

A reading from Genesis.

2:7-9, 15-25

The sovereign God crafted the human from the dust of the humus and breathed into its nostrils the breath of life, and the human became a living soul. And the sovereign God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there placed the the human whom God had formed. Out of the ground the sovereign God made grow every tree pleasant to the sight and good for food, and the tree of life in the middle of the garden, along with the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The sovereign God took the human and settled it in the garden of Eden to till and tend it. Then the sovereign God commanded the human, "From every tree of the garden you may eat freely, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day you eat from it you shall surely die."

Then the sovereign God said, "It is not good that the human should be alone; I will make it someone to rely on as its partner." Then the sovereign God crafted from the humus every creature of the field and every bird of the skies and brought them to the human to see what it would call them; and whatever the human called every living soul, that was its name. The human gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the human there was not found one to rely on as its partner.

The sovereign God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the human, and it slept; then took one of its sides and closed up its place with flesh in place of it. And the sovereign God built the side that has been taken from the human into a woman and brought her to the human.

Then the human said,

"This time, this one is bone of my bones  
and flash of my flesh;  
this one shall be called a woman,  
for out of a man this one was taken."

Therefore a man leaves his mother and his father and clings to his woman, and they become one flesh. And they were, the two of them, naked, the man and his woman [or the woman and her man], and were not ashamed.

The Word of the Lord.

People

**Thanks be to God.**



- 1 Bless the Fount of Life, O my / soul.  
Mother of all, my God, you are very great.  
You don ho/nor and majesty,
- 2 Wrapped in light as a / garment,  
you stretch out the heavens like / a tent-curtain.
- 14 She is the one who makes grass to grow for the / cattle,  
and vegetation for human labor,  
to bring forth / food from the earth,
- 15 and wine to make the human heart re/joice,  
with oil to make the face shine,  
and bread to sus/tain the human heart.
- 27 All of these hope in / you  
to provide their / food in due season.
- 28 You give it to them, they / glean it;  
you open your hand, they / are well satisfied.
- 29 You hide your face, they are dis/mayed;  
when you collect their breath, they die  
and to their / dust they return.
- 30 You send forth your spirit, they are / created;  
and you renew the / face of the earth.

## ***THE SECOND LESSON***

Reader

A reading from the book of Colossians.

3:1-11

If indeed you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Reflect upon things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you all have died, and your life hidden with Christ in God. When Christ is revealed, the one who is your life, then you all will also be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever part of you that is of the earth: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greediness, which is idolatry. Because of these [things], the wrath of God is coming on the spawn of disobedience. In these things you all also once followed, when you were living in that way. But now you all must put away all anger, wrath, wickedness, slander, and bad language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its deeds. And you all have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being made new in knowledge according to the image of its creator. There is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free, rather Christ is all and in all.

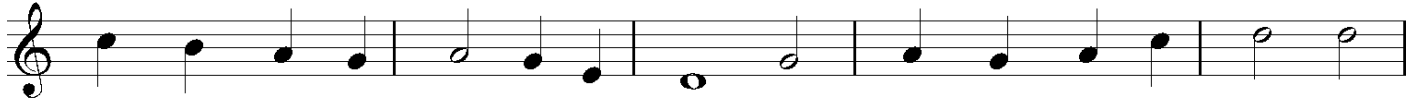
The Word of the Lord.

People

**Thanks be to God.**

*Unison*

1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to  
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that  
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll



caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my  
 is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

**THE GOSPEL**

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

16:9-15

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now after he rose early on the first day of the week, Jesus appeared first to Mary Magdalene from whom he had cast out seven demons. She went out and she told the ones mourning and weeping who had been with him. But when they heard that he lives and was seen by her, they did not believe. After this Jesus was made known in another form to two of [the disciples] as they were walking into the countryside. And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them. Now later on, while they were sitting at table, Jesus appeared to the eleven themselves and he rebuked their lack of faith and stubbornness, because they did not believe those [the women] who saw Jesus after he had risen. Then Jesus said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to all creation."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**



THE NICENE CREED *Stand*

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 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.  
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

*The people respond, "Lord have mercy."*

## PEACE

Presider            The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People             **And also with you.**

*We invite you to extend the peace of God to those in the congregation.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *Sit*

## BIRTHDAY BLESSING

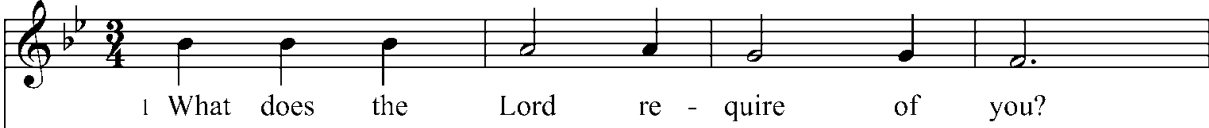
Presider            Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

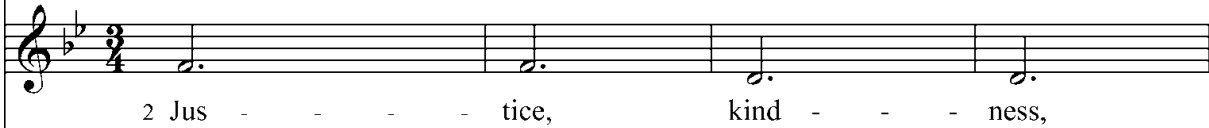
People             **Amen.**

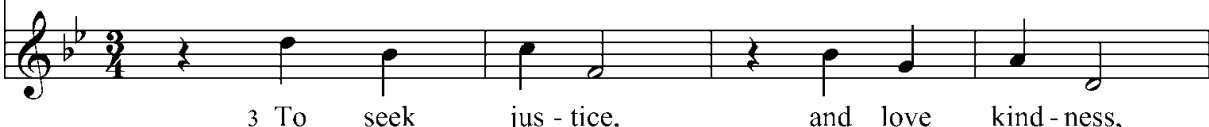
## OFFERTORY


### WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU

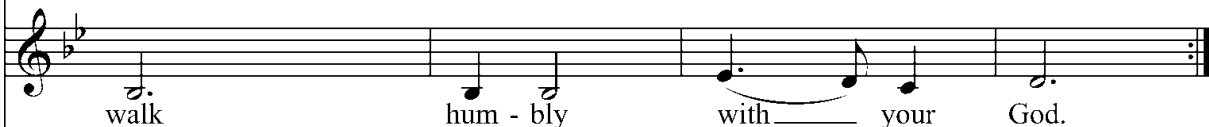
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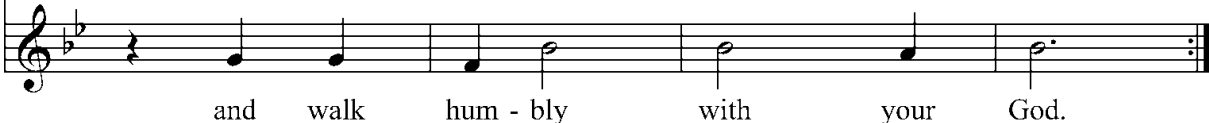
People:   
1 What does the Lord re - quire of you?

Choir:   
2 Jus - - - - tice, kind - - - - ness,

Choir:   
3 To seek jus - tice, and love kind - ness,

People:   
what does the Lord re - quire of you? ( ) last time

Choir:   
walk hum - bly with your God.

Choir:   
and walk hum - bly with your God.

## OFFERING PRAYER *Stand*

*During the 10:30 worship service, the following is said as the offerings are presented.*

Presider All things come from you, O Lord  
People **And of your own have we given you.**

## EUCHARIST

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 say:

People: **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.**

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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, 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.

People

**Amen.**

## 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

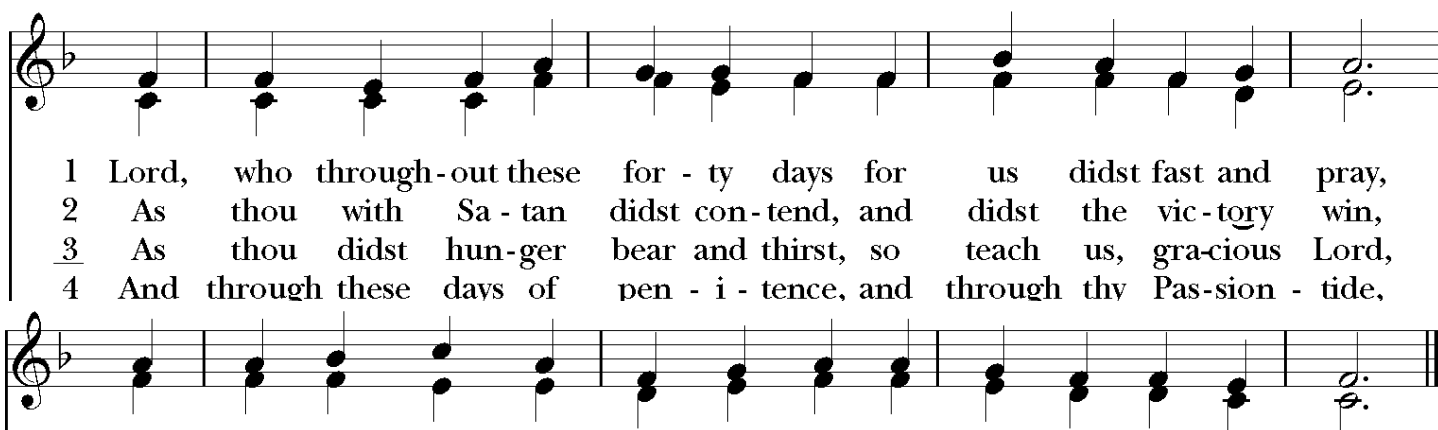
*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*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.*



1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,  
2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, and didst the vic - tory win,  
3 As thou didst hun - ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra - cious Lord,  
4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas - sion - tide,

1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.  
2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con - quer sin.  
3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.  
4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.

Words: Claudia Frances Hernaman (1838-1898) Music: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*After all have received communion the Presider says*

Presider            Let us pray.

People            Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## BLESSING

Presider            Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole  
trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving  
providence.

People            Amen.

Presider And the blessing of the One, Holy and Undivided Trinity be with you this day and always.

People Amen.

## SENDING HYMN

## CHRIST FOR THE WORLD WE SING

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1 Christ for the world we sing! The world to  
2 Christ for the world we sing! The world to  
3 Christ for the world we sing! The world to  
4 Christ for the world we sing! The world to

Christ we bring with lov - ing zeal; the poor, and  
Christ we bring with fer - vent prayer; the way - ward  
Christ we bring with one ac - cord; with us the  
Christ we bring with joy - ful song; the new - born

them that mourn, the faint and o - ver - borne,  
and the lost, by rest - less pas - sions tossed,  
work to share, with us re - proach to dare,  
souls, whose days, re - claimed from er - ror's ways,

sin - sick and sor - row - worn, whom Christ doth heal.  
re - deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.  
with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.  
in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

Words: Samuel Wolcott (1813-1886) Music: *Moscow*, melody Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916  
based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

## DISMISSAL

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

