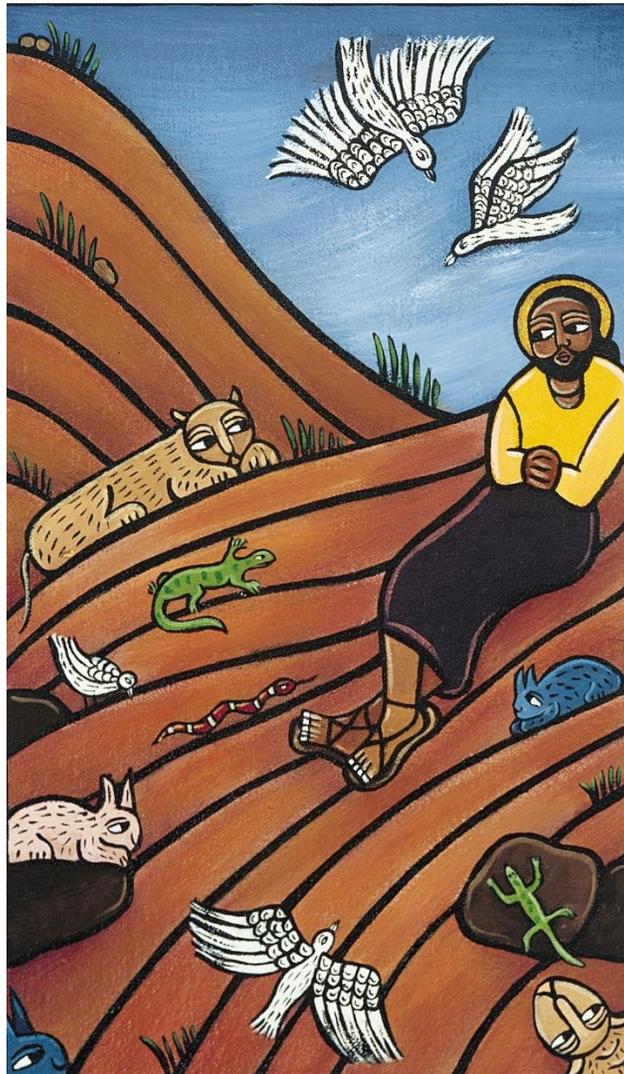


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First Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2021

10:00am

PRELUDE

HYMN

Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church

1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your Church
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,
walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
so dai - ly liv - ing to your way of love,
you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;
led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,
moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:
glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flower,
far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.
so we are dead and live with you in God.
so in the Fa - ther's glo - ry shall we wake.

Words: Thomas H. Cain (b. 1931)

Music: *Old 124th*, melody *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551;
harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

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OPENING SENTENCE

Officiant If we say 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.

I John 1:8, 9

CONFESSION

Officiant Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

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.**

Officiant 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.**

Officiant Lord open our lips.

People **And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Officiant The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.

VENITE | Psalm 95:1-7

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would harken to his voice.

PSALM APPOINTED | Psalm 25: 1-9

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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING | Genesis 9: 8-17

Reader The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God**

CANTICLE L | A Song of Christ's Humility

Philippians 2: 6-11

Though in the form of God, *
Christ Jesus did not cling to equality with God,
But emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, *
and was born in human likeness.
Being found in human form, he humbled himself *
and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.

Therefore, God has highly exalted him *
and given him the name above every name,
That at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow, *
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, *
to the glory of God the Father.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

SECOND READING | 1 Peter 3: 18-22

Reader The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

Kyrie

Women
Lord have mer-cy Christ have mer-cy Lord have mer -

Men
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GOSPEL | Mark 1: 9-15

SERMON

Lisha Epperson

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL SONG | *I Want Jesus To Walk With Me*

Hortensia Gooding, Soprano

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Amen.*

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

**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.**

SUFFRAGE

Versicle Help us, O God our Savior;
Response **Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**
Versicle Look upon your congregation;
Response **Give to your people the blessing of peace.**
Versicle Declare your glory among the nations;
Response **And your wonders among all peoples.**
Versicle Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
Response **Never forget the lives of your poor.**
Versicle Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;
Response **And your favor to those who are true of heart.**
Versicle Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
Response **So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

Officiant 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.*

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into

your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gracious God, we bow this day with hope and promise, may we know the promise that in our discipleship you will be with us to the ends of the earth. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray to feel your presence with us on our Lenten journey. We are so far from being finished products and need your continued guidance. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Help us to focus our spirits on goals that are difficult and as yet achieved. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Teach us how to pray. Teach us humility. Teach us how to relate to others so that they know they are loved and nurtured and received. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Teach us to listen well and to understand the other before we respond. Teach us patience. Teach us gentleness toward others and with ourselves. Teach us to receive your gentle grace. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Bless those who are struggling and whose lives are punctuated with illness, grief, and suffering.

INTERCESSIONS & THANKSGIVING

- For whom shall we pray?
- For what shall we give thanks?

GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one
accord to make our common supplication to you; and you
have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two
or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the
midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions
as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of
your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

HYMN

Great is Thy Faithfulness



1. Great is Thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther, there is no
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest; Sun, moon and
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, Thy own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee; Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions they
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in man - i - fold
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; Strength for to - day and bright hope for to -



fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be. Great is Thy
 wit - ness to Thy great faith - ful-ness, mer - cy and love.
 -mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



faith - ful-ness! Great is Thy faith - ful-ness! Morn - ing by morn - ing new



mer - cies I see; All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro -



vid - ed- Great is Thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me.

FINAL BLESSING

May God the Father,
who does not despise the broken spirit,
give to you a contrite heart.
Amen.

May Christ,
who bore our sins in his body on the tree,
heal you by his wounds.
Amen.

May the Holy Spirit,
who leads us into all truth,
speak to you words of pardon and peace.
Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon
you and remain with you always. Amen.

DISMISSAL

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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