

# TRINITY

The First Sunday in Lent  
February 21, 2021

**Welcome**

The Rev. Peter Swarr

**Prelude**

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**Opening Hymn #150 “Forty Days and Forty Nights”**

- 1 Forty days and forty nights  
thou wast fasting in the wild;  
forty days and forty nights  
tempted, and yet undefiled.
- 2 Should not we thy sorrow share  
and from worldly joys abstain,  
fasting with unceasing prayer,  
strong with thee to suffer pain?
- 3 Then if Satan on us press,  
Jesus, Savior, hear our call!  
Victor in the wilderness,  
grant we may not faint nor fall!
- 4 So shall we have peace divine:  
holier gladness ours shall be;  
round us, too, shall angels shine,  
such as ministered to thee.
- 5 Keep, O keep us, Savior dear,  
ever constant by thy side;  
that with thee we may appear  
at the eternal Eastertide.

## Opening Acclamation

Priest: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins

People: **God's mercy endures forever.**

## A Penitential Order

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

## General Confession

**BCP p. 360**

*Priest* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence*

**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.**

## The 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.

## In God Alone Taizé

In God alone my soul can find rest and peace,  
In God my peace and joy.  
Only in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.

## The Collect of the Day

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

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

Read by Dibbie Appleton

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.”

Reader: *Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people*

People: *Thanks be to God*

## Psalm 25:1-9

Read by Tom Keating

- 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.

## Sequence Hymn #121 LEVAS “Baptized in Water”

- 1 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:  
Heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,  
Faithfully now God’s praise we sing.
- 2 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
Dead in the tomb with Christ our King:  
One with his rising, freed and forgiven,  
Thankfully now God’s praise we sing.
- 3 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
Marked with the sign of Christ our King:  
Born of one Father, we are his children,  
Joyfully now God’s praise we sing.

### **The Gospel: Mark 1:9-15**

**Priest: 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.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ*

## **Homily**

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## **The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, 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**

Led by Dibble Appleton

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

*Peoples responses in bold*

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

In Jesus your realm has come near to us in every place and time. Give your church throughout the world a spirit of humility and repentance; teach us to trust always in the good news of your salvation.

Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

You have made a covenant of mercy with every living creature. Protect all the earth's creatures from destruction. Empower the work of biologists, conservationists, and science educators. Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

All your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness. Direct the words and actions of leaders in our community and throughout the world, that they may maintain justice for the lowly. Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

Even in the wilderness you are with us. Walk alongside migrants and refugees crossing dangerous lands. Tend to those whose lives feel desolate. Give healing and strength to all who suffer, especially Bev Richter, Evelyn Dunn, Amanda Louton, Virginia Vaillancourt, Lois & Gail Butterfield, Jim Rhudy, Tammy-Beth Montgomery, Ellie, Tara and Mike Walters, Donna & Normand Lum, Barbara Robery, Cathy James, Mary Ann Butson, Mike Hendon, Mary Dumond, Anne Spelman, Annabelle, Paula Berry, Mary McDonnell.

Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

In the covenant of baptism you claim us as beloved children. Nurture us in our baptismal identity and teach us to live within it for the sake of others. Strengthen this congregation's ministries of care and concern. Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

In baptism you join us to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We praise you for all those who have died trusting in your faithfulness. Bring us with them to the fullness of your reign. Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

**At this time we pray for those in need.**

*Leader:* please say the names of those who would benefit from our prayers and feel free to type the names of those we should pray for in the comment section of Facebook or YouTube.

*[Pause for 10 seconds]*

### **\*Names on Prayer List**

Bev Richter, Evelyn Dunn, Amanda Louton, Virginia Vaillancourt, Lois & Gail Butterfield, Jim Rhudy, Tammy-Beth Montgomery, Ellie, Tara and Mike Walters, Donna & Normand Lum, Barbara Robery, Cathy James, Mary Ann Butson, Mike Hendon, Mary Dumond, Anne Spelman, Annabelle, Paula Berry, Mary McDonnell, Dorothy Lomas, Anne Powell, Kathy Stead, Susan Winslow, Kim Grey, Nancy W. Atkinson, Virginia Reid, Evelyn Thurston, Angelika & Abraham Schechter, Vicky Stevens, Carlla Potts, Roger Morin, Laura Marston, Dick Paulson, Harry Nason, Didi Robinson, and Clive and Pat Whitton.

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The orchard on the altar is given to the glory of God, in thanksgiving for Tery Noseworthy's birthday, by her mom, Beth Johns.*

### **The Peace**

*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People:* And also with you**

### **Offertory Sentence**

#### **Offertory Hymn #448 "O Love How Deep" (vs. 1&6)**

- 1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
how passing thought and fantasy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take  
our mortal form for mortals' sake.
  
- 6 All glory to our Lord and God  
for love so deep, so high, so broad;  
the Trinity whom we adore  
for ever and for evermore.

### **Enriching our Worship Eucharistic Prayer 2**

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

*Priest:* Lift up your hearts.

***People:* We lift them to the Lord.**

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for

her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

### **Hymn #785 WLP “Santo, Santo, Santo”**

Santo, santo, santo, mi corazon te adora!  
Mi corazon te sabe decir: santo eres Señor.

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!  
My heart is glad to say the you are holy, Lord.

#### *The Priest continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. 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.**

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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 Priest breaks the consecrated Bread and says:*

### **Fraction Anthem WLP 878 “Whoever Comes to Me”**

Whoever comes to me shall not hunger  
And whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

*A Period of silence is kept.*

### **THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

*Priest:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Priest:* Let us pray

*People:* **United with all your people, I offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life. Thank you for your life, death, and resurrection, and for your never failing love. Thank you for love and presence which surrounds us. You are here in this time, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you and love you and see you in every moment of every day. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God’s blessing be with you always. **Amen.**

### **The Closing Hymn #559 “Lead us Heavenly Father”**

- 1 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
o’er the world’s tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
for we have no help but thee,  
yet possessing every blessing,  
if our God our Father be.
- 2 Savior, breathe forgiveness o’er us;  
all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before us;  
thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
yet unfearing, persevering,  
to thy passion thou didst go.
- 3 Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy;  
love with every passion blending,

pleasure that can never cloy;  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.

## **Dismissal**

Priest: Go in Peace, the Lord has put away all your sin.

People: **Thanks be to God**

## **Announcements**

The Rev. Peter Swarr

## **Postlude**

**Please join us for the Zoom Coffee Hour.**