

**First Sunday of Lent  
St. Stephen's Parish  
February 21, 2021 - 9:30 AM**



**Entrance: In These Days of Lenten Journey (Fr. Ricky Manalo, CSP)**

*In these days of Lenten journey  
we have seen and we have heard  
the call to sow justice  
in the lives of those we serve.*

*We reach out to those who are homeless,  
to those who live without warmth.  
In the coolness of evening we'll shelter their dreams;  
we will clothe them in mercy and peace.*

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in the lives of those we serve.*

## **Kyrie: Mass of Freedom (Stephen Lee)**

*Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

## **First Reading: Genesis 9:8–15**

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

God said to Noah and to his sons with him: “See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth.” God added: “This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings.”

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

## **Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 25 (Luke Mayernik)**

*"Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant."*

## Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18–22

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter.

Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear 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 to subject to him.

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

## Lenten Gospel Acclamation

### LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Belmont Mass*  
Christopher Walker



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## Gospel: Mark 1:12–15

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty day, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

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

# Presentation of the Gifts

## TAKE THESE ASHES/TO THE DESERT FOLLOW ME

Sarah Hart

Refrain



Ash Wed: Take these ash - es as a sign that from the dust you  
Lent: To the de - sert fol - low me, for I am God, who



have been raised and to dust you shall re - turn.  
is your hope. To the de - sert fol - low me.

Verses



1. Re - turn to me with all your heart; let go the  
2. Slow to an - ger is my way; my cup is  
3. Gath - er my peo - ple, says the Lord. Oh, let them  
4. A bless - ing I will give to you, all you who  
5. I will em - brace your ev - ery wound, for I am  
6. My good - ness flows out of my heart o - ver the  
7. I will re - new your wea - ry heart and keep you  
8. I will bring beau - ty from the ruin, a feast of  
9. The light you bear shall be as dawn; your bonds of



1. world and come to me.      I will not send you to the  
2. filled with love for you.      el - ders and chil - dren, lost and  
3. come to heal - ing peace,      The de - sert soon will bear a  
4. wan - der and who thirst.      You shall not weep for - ev - er -  
5. balm to heal your pain.      I will cleanse you of your  
6. ones I came to save.      give you a spir - it that is  
7. al - ways in my sight;      This land will bloom just as be -  
8. hope from ash and dust.      In - jus - tice shall be o - ver -  
9. sin my love will break.

to Refrain



1. clothes, for I am kind, my name is mer - cy.  
2. foe, nor scorn the ones I come to res - cue.  
3. found, in - to this place of love's re - veal - ing.  
4. spring; for - giv - ing wa - ter shall re - store you.  
5. more; I have re - mem - bered you, my chil - dren.  
6. sin, re - place your guilt with my com - pas - sion.  
7. new; re - store the joy of your sal - va - tion.  
8. fore. My sav - ing Word, it is for - ev - er.  
9. come, and you will rise with me, be - lov - ed.

## Holy: Belmont Mass (Christopher Walker)

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
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.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

## Memorial Acclamation: Belmont Mass (Christopher Walker)

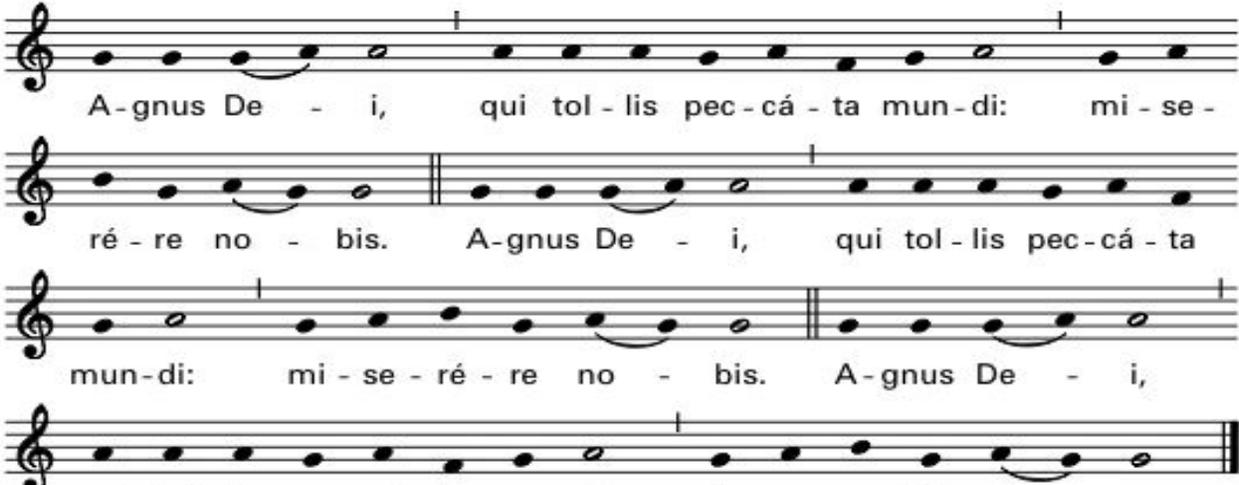
*Save us, Savior of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.*

## Amen: Belmont Mass (Christopher Walker)

*Amen, Amen.*

## Lamb of God: Agnus Dei (Mass XVIII, Chant)

**AGNUS DEI XVIII**



A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: mi - se -  
ré - re no - bis. A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta  
mun - di: mi - se - ré - re no - bis. A - gnus De - i,  
qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Text and music: Chant; *Graduale Romanum*, 1974.

## Communion Antiphon

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT COMMUNION ANTIPHON [I]

Steve Angrisano, Sarah Hart, and Curtis Stephan

One does not live by bread a - lone, but by  
ev-ery word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, G major. The first staff begins with a repeat sign and contains the melody for the first line of text. The second staff continues the melody for the second line of text. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

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## Communion Song: Psalm 51: Create In Me (Eleazar Cortés)

*Create in me, create in me  
a pure heart, O God, a willing spirit.*

*Have mercy on me, O God,  
in your kindness blot out my offenses;  
wash me, wash away my guilt,  
cleanse me completely of my sin.*

*Create in me, create in me  
a pure heart, O God, a willing spirit.*

*Create in me, God, a pure heart  
and give me a steadfast spirit;  
do not cast me out from your presence,  
nor remove your holy spirit.*

*Create in me, create in me  
a pure heart, O God, a willing spirit.*

## **Closing Song: Led By The Spirit (KINGSFOLD)**

*Led by the Spirit of our God, we go to fast and pray  
With Christ into the wilderness; we join his paschal way.*

*“Rend not your garments, rend your hearts.*

*Turn back your lives to me.”*

*Thus says our kind and gracious God, whose reign is liberty.*

*Led by the Spirit, we confront temptation face to face,  
And know full well we must rely on God’s redeeming grace.  
On bread alone we cannot live, but nourished by the Word  
We seek the will of God to do: this is our drink and food.*



**Thank you for joining us!**

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