



Our mission is to equip people to grow their faith  
by connecting to God and others  
while reaching out with love

First Sunday in Lent  
February 21, 2021

Liturgy of the Word

**Prelude**

*A bell will be rung three times to begin our worship*

**Opening Hymn**

*When on the Day I was Baptized*

1. When on the day I was bap - tiz'd, white wings I  
 2. Up - ris - ing from the Jor - dan there, my Fa - ther's  
 3. Then cleans'd be ev - 'ry heart from sin; make straight the  
 4. Bap - tize us with your Spi - rit, Lord: our in - ner  
 5. Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God, all

saw with up - ward glance, yet heard a voice from  
 voice did then de - declare that I, the Son of  
 way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
 health you have re - stored! Now in thy pre - sence  
 crea - tures here be - low; Praise God a - bove, ye

God with - in to call my true love to my dance:  
 God had come to lead my pre - cious peo - ple home.  
 pare a home where such a might - y guest my come.  
 we are free to live and love and serve with thee.  
 hea - ven - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love, *slower*

this have I done for my true love.

text adapted from various sources  
Melody from Sandys, 1833

## Opening Acclamation

*Presider* Blessed be the God of our salvation.  
*People* **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

*Presider* Jesus said, "The first commandment is this:  
Hear, O Israel: The Lord our 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 other commandment greater than these."  
*Mark 12:29-31*

*Presider* Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

### ***Minister and People:***

**God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

### **Absolution**

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. **Amen.**

# Kyrie

*Unison or harmony*

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

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

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

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

*Presider* May God be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

## The Collect of the Day

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 Ministry of the Word

### First Reading

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."

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 25

Lord, to you my soul is lift - ed. Let me nev - er be a - shamed.

Genevan Psalm 25, 1551, Claude Goudimel

*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.

**Let none who look to you be put to / shame; \***  
**let the treacherous be disap/pointed in their schemes.**

**Show me your ways, O / LORD, \***  
**and / teach me your paths.**

#### Antiphon

*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.

**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and / love, \***  
**for they are from / everlasting.**

**Remember not the sins of my youth and my trans/gressions; \***  
**remember me according to your love, and for the sake of your / goodness, O LORD.**

#### Antiphon

*Gracious and upright is the / LORD; \**  
therefore he teaches / sinners in his way.

**He guides the humble in doing / right \***  
**and teaches his / way to the lowly.**

#### Antiphon

**Second Reading**

**1 Peter 3:18-22**

Christ 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.

**Reader** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People.

**People** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual Hymn**

*Lord to whom can we go*

Lord, to whom can we go? Words of  
 life are yours. Lord, to whom can we go? Words of  
 life are yours. As for  
 me and my house, we will serve the Lord. As for  
 me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

words: Joshua 24 & John 6; music: Charles Rus after Louis Couperin

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*Presider* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

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

**Sermon** The Rev. Liz Tichenor

*You are invited to join in a time of silence and reflection following the homily.*

**Hymn** *There are Angels Hovering 'round*

1. There are an-gels hov-ring 'round, there are an-gels hov-ring 'round, there are an -

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- gels hov-ring 'round, 2. To car-ry the tid-ings home, to\_ car-ry the tid-ings home,

to car - - ry the tid - ings home, 3. Of a new Je-ru - sa - lem, of a

new Je-ru - sa - lem, of a new\_\_\_\_\_ Je - ru - sa - lem. 4. Let all who hear it

come, let\_ all who hear it come, let all\_\_\_\_\_ who hear it come. *repeat verse 1*

**Affirmation of Faith**    *The Nicene Creed*                      *standing*

**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.**

**The Prayers of the People**    *standing*

*Presider*        Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Leader*         Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

**All**

It is well \_\_\_\_\_ with my soul. \_\_\_\_\_

It is well with my soul.

Horatio Spafford, Philip Bliss

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'It is well with my soul'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the melody and a bass clef staff for the accompaniment. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a long note on 'well' and 'soul'. The accompaniment is a simple harmonic support. The lyrics are written above and below the notes.

*Leader* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

**All**

It is well \_\_\_\_\_ with my soul. \_\_\_\_\_

It is well with my soul.

Horatio Spafford, Philip Bliss

The musical score consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 8/8. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed above and below the notes.

*Leader* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

**All**

It is well \_\_\_\_\_ with my soul. \_\_\_\_\_

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*Leader* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially Theresa, Hughes, Tristan and Liam; Robert and Carolyn; George; Jeff, Natasha, Lorelei and Rhiannon, members of our parish family, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

**All**

It is well \_\_\_\_\_ with my soul. \_\_\_\_\_

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*Leader* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those on our parish prayer list and all those suffering from or affected by Covid-19; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*



## All

It is well \_\_\_\_\_ with my soul. \_\_\_\_\_

It is well with my soul.

Horatio Spafford, Philip Bliss

## Leader

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Joyce Gray, Mike Morris, Stan Remer, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

## Silence

It is well \_\_\_\_\_ with my soul. \_\_\_\_\_ It is well, it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul. A - men.

## The Peace

*Presider* May the peace of Christ be always with you.

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

## The Offertory

*Presider* If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.

Offertory Music

God Loves the Stranger

1. God loves the stran - ger; whom do we show kind - ness?  
 2. God loves my e - ne - my; can I give bless - ing?  
 3. God loves the out - cast; can we deep - ly wel - come?  
 4. God loves the brok - en; do we let one suf - fer?  
 5. Hea - ven sur - rounds us: o - pen to the vi - sion!

God loves the pris - 'ner, can we love as well?  
 God loves the home - less; can we shel - ter some?  
 God loves the hun - gry; do we hun - ger too?  
 God loves for ev - er, can we love to - day?  
 God, ev - er near us: see your sis - ter here!

So light shall rise, a dawn - ing of our spir - its.  
 So light shall rise, en - light - en - ing all peo - ple,  
 So springs shall flow, re - fresh - ing, ne - ver fail - ing;  
 So light shall rise, for our whole world a bea - con,  
 So clouds shall part, we feel the warm - ing sun - beams;

Our gloom will turn to noon - day, free - ing all.  
 re - pair - ing ci - ties: one world yet to come.  
 Let des - ert souls be wa - ter'd in - to bloom.  
 heal - ing hu - man - i - ty: let it be so!  
 hearts now set free to grow, em - brac - ing all.

words: Edward Flinchem & Charles Rus, based on Isaiah 58; music: O Perfect Love, Joseph Barnby

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# The Great Thanksgiving

standing

*Presider* All things come of you, O God,  
*People* and of your own have we given you.

*Presider* May God 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.**

*The Presider continues:*

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:

**All**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly  
— ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and earth are  
— fill'd with your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
— Bles - sed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord,  
— of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Grayson Warren Brown

*The Presider 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.**

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

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Presider breaks the Bread, and says:*

*Presider* Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

**People** have mercy on us.

*Presider* Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

**People** have mercy on us.

*Presider* Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

**People** grant us peace.

## Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people who long to gather at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist has been celebrated, and, we pray, will be celebrated again soon, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

## Announcements

## Thanksgivings and Concerns

### The Hands of God

To - day, to - mor-row and al - ways we re - joi - ce in the hands of God. May God's  
pow - er - ful hands sup - port you, May God's guid - ing hands lead you, May God's  
lov - ing hands en - fold you. We re - joi - ce in the hands of God.

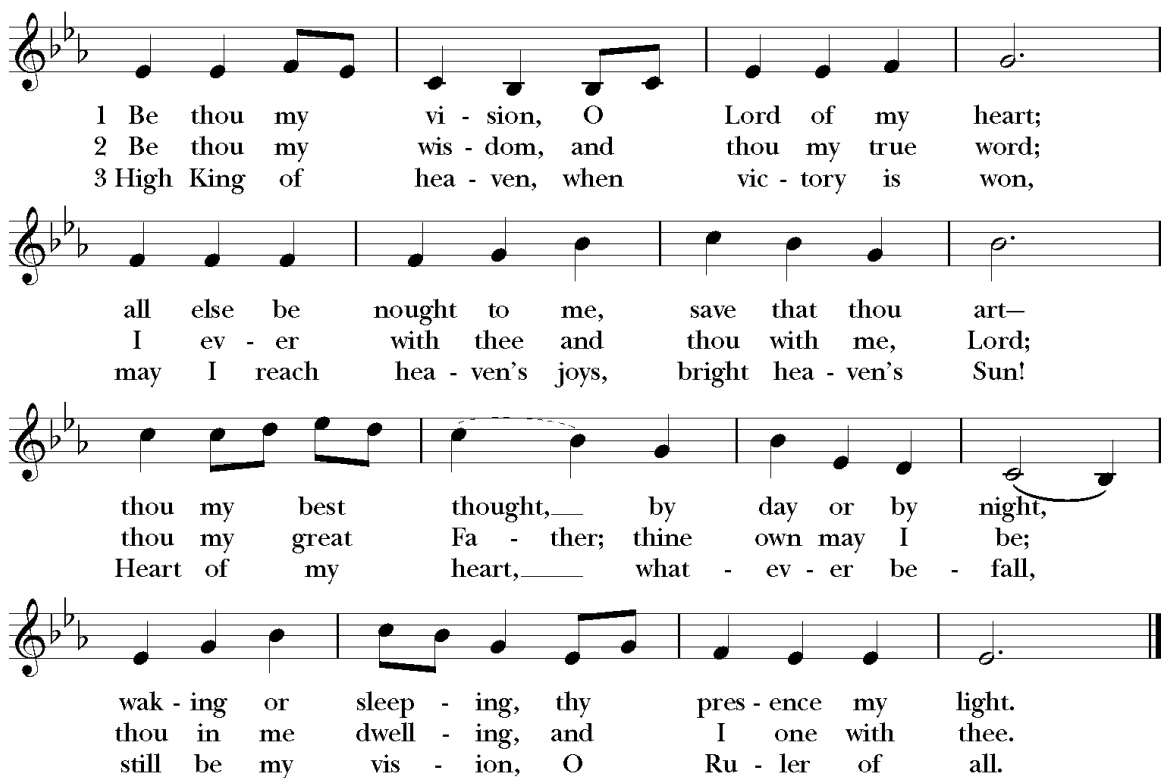
## Solemn Prayer

*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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People** Amen.

# Closing Hymn 488

## Be thou my vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,  
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!  
thou my best thought, — by day or by night,  
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;  
Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,  
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.  
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

### Dismissal

*Presider* Let us bless the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

## Prayer List

Katie	Pam
Kristin E.	Mary Pat
John C.	Chris
Steve	Carmel
Julie	Cammy
Christina	Robyn
Emily	Skip
Laurel & Saki	Rev. Steve
Ludie	Sasha
Pat A.	Pat
Leonard	Rick
Mike & Veronique	Bob
Diane & Jared	Teresa
Tarah & baby	Paula
Julie	Jeff
John & family	Grace
Sandy	Joy
Betsy	Amy
Nancy	Kathie
Altrina	John
Phyllis I.	Shelly
Klaus	Julie
Sally & Cary	Matthew
Glenn	Dave
Jennifer M.	Pat
Jim	John
Jake & family	Rosella
Carl	John
Becky	Kris' family
Karen	Betty
Mark	Bev
Mary Lou	Mike
Kenny	Amy
Len	Meg
Peggy	Rick
Pauline	Chaz
Eloise	Marcos
Katherine	Jim
Violaine	Jordan
Jennifer	Dick

**Please Pray for those in the Armed Services**

Tristan, David, Katie, Kris, Devin, Adam, Jason, John

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