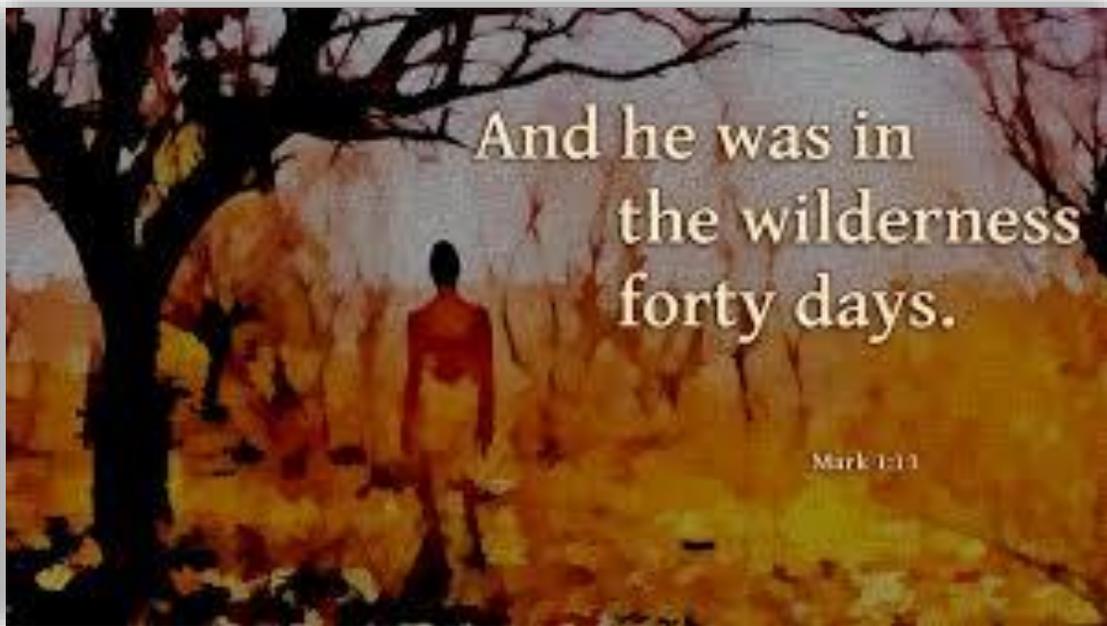


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Worship at Home: During Our Blessed Interruption
Spiritual Communion
The First Sunday in Lent
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About this Service



Lent

The season of Lent—from an Old English word meaning “spring,” the time of lengthening days—spans 40 days: from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, excluding Sundays.

Traditionally, this time of year has been a period of solemn preparation, self-examination, and repentance. Remembering the time Jesus spent in the wilderness before beginning his ministry, some Christians adopt Lenten disciplines: giving up an item of food, taking on a prayer, service or devotional practice, taking a technology fast, or simply setting aside time each day to be present with God and those they love.

Lenten liturgy is characterized by solemnity and simplicity. The Glory to God and the word Alleluia are omitted and will not return until the Great Vigil of Easter. Violet is the color used for vestments during this season, or, as we have at St. Philip’s, a “Lenten array” of red, black, and rough linen fabric.

Sources: *The Book of Common Prayer, An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church*

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People: *Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.*

The Decalogue

Celebrant: Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: Honor your father and your mother.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: You shall not commit murder.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: You shall not commit adultery.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: You shall not steal.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: You shall not be a false witness.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Summary of the Law

Mark 12:29-31

Celebrant 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." **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

**All: 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.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Kyrie

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect for the First Sunday in Lent

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.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament

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."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Psalm 25:1-9

Ad te, Domine, levavi

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 disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.

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 transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

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.

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The Epistle

1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ also 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark

People: Glory to you Lord Christ

Gospel

Mark 1:9-15

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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Eugene Sutton,
Bishop of Maryland

Nicene Creed

*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.***

Prayers of the People

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

A brief silence.

You wash us through and through and remember our sin no more.
Make your church a community of forgiveness through- out the world.
Give your people courage to forgive; through them show the world
new possibilities. Bless ministries of repentance and reconciliation.
God of Promise.

Hear our Prayer.

You fill the earth-from tiny grains of wheat to the mighty thunder-with
your presence, and you call us to attend to your will for all creation.
Grant weather that prepares the soil for seeds; protect all from violent
storms, flooding, and wildfires. God of Promise.

Hear our Prayer.

You promise to write your law on our hearts. Guide citizens
throughout the world to shape communities that reflect your mercy,
justice, and peace, and give them creativity to work for the welfare of all.
God of Promise.

Hear our Prayer.

You sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Restore the joy of all who need
to know your presence: those who are lonely or feel unforgivable, those
who need healing of mind or body especially Glorious Bennett, Denise
Brown, Carrie Cousar, Letha Cousar, Janette Davis, Doris Dickerson, O'Neal
Dickerson, Eudora Forrest, Lewis Forrest, Christina Foster, Eva Hicks,
Floyd Higgs, Mary Little, Adrienne Lockett, Jonathan Lyles, Clarissa Martin,
Haywood McCullum, Johnetta Merritt, Lela Sabina Morris, Beblon Parks,
Roscoe Parker, Irma Dyson Robinson, Mark Robinson, Frank Saunders,

Dora Sims, Flossie Smith, Pam Southall, Patty Sydnor, Anna Washington, Ed West, Marilyn West, those who are dying, and all who grieve.
God of Promise.

Hear our Prayer.

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants; Debbie Stallings, Larry Clark, Clairmonte Carroll, and Brian Beatty as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives. God of Promise.

Hear our Prayer.

Jesus calls us to follow him in life and death. Empower this congregation in discipleship. Equip children and teachers in Sunday school, confirmation, and learning ministries. Give us your truth and wisdom and teach us to follow Jesus. God of Promise.

Hear our Prayer.

In the cross of Christ, your name is glorified. We praise you for those who have given us words to worship you. With all those who have died in Christ, bring us into life everlasting. God of Promise.

Hear our Prayer.

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

Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The Offertory

Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, confessed our sins, received forgiveness, and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the drama and miracle of the Holy Communion. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the gifts we give. All are invited to make a gift to support St. Philip's ministry of sharing God's love with the world. See our website, www.stphilipsrva.org for ways to give. The altar is prepared for Holy Communion.

Musical Offering

"Oh Lord, Throughout These Forty Days"

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

All: 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.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died.
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

*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.***

Agnus Dei - Lamb of God [said]

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, **have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, **have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, **grant us peace.***

Invitation to Holy Communion

Spiritual Communion is personal devotional that we can pray at any time to express our desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede us from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Celebrant and People:

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, 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. And 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.*

CONCLUDING RITE

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and ever living 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.*

Prayer over the People

Celebrant: 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; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*



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Sunday Bible Study	9 AM	Dial: 978-990-5000 Access code: 656298 #	-	-
Sunday Morning Worship	10 AM	Dial: 1-301-715-8592 ID: 937 9611 8377 Password: 074878	Go to our website: stphilipsrva.org or our Facebook page: St. Philip's Episcopal RVA	See Saturday Worship News email for log-in
1 st & 3 rd Sundays Only Youth Sunday School	11:15 AM	-	-	See Saturday Worship News email for log-in
Tuesday Night Prayer	8 PM	-	Go to our website: stphilipsrva.org or our Facebook page: St. Philip's Episcopal RVA	-
Wednesday Circle of Love Noonday Prayer	12 PM	Dial: 978-990-5000 Access code: 870051 #	-	-
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