



*The Temptation of Christ* Anonymous, medieval

# St. Paul's Cathedral Burlington, Vermont

The First Sunday in Lent ✕ February 21, 2021  
10:00 o'clock a.m.

❧ During this service the People respond using words printed in bold face.

❧ In this extraordinary time of pandemic, it is important to remember that scattered though we may be, we are one in our prayer.

❧ Before the service, the Presider may make announcements, after which stillness is kept and an instrumental voluntary is played.

We sing hymn 148 in The Hymnal 1982. Please sing boldly at home.

1 Cre - a - tor of the earth and skies,  
2 We have not known you: to the and skies  
3 We have not loved you: far and wide  
4 For this, our fool - ish con - fi - dence,  
5 Teach us to know and you, Lord,

1 to whom the words of life be - long,  
2 our mon - u - ments of fol - ly soar,  
3 the wreck - age of our ha - tred spreads,  
4 our pride of know - ledge and our sin,  
5 and hum - bly fol - low in your way.

1 grant us your truth to make us wise;  
2 and all our self - wrought mis - er - ies  
3 and e - vils wrought by hu - man pride  
4 we come to you in pen - i - tence;  
5 Speak to our souls the quick - ening word,

1 grant us your power to make us strong.  
2 have made us trust our - selves the more.  
3 re - coil on un - re - pent - ant heads.  
4 in us the work of grace be - gin.  
5 and turn our dark - ness in - to day.

Words Donald Wynn Hughes (1911-1967) • Music UFFINGHAM, Jeremiah Clarke (1670-1707), alt.

# A Penitential Order

*The Presider says,*

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
His mercy endures for ever.

*The Presider and People say the Decalogue:*

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.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not make for yourself any idol.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Honor your father and your mother.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit murder.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit adultery.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not steal.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not be a false witness.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*The Deacon says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Stillness is kept.*

*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.

*The Presider offers absolution, saying,*

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.

We join in singing Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy):

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

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Setting Betty Carr Pulkington (1928-2019), from *Freedom Mass*, based on traditional African melodies

*The Presider says the Collect of the Day, first saying,*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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 Word of God

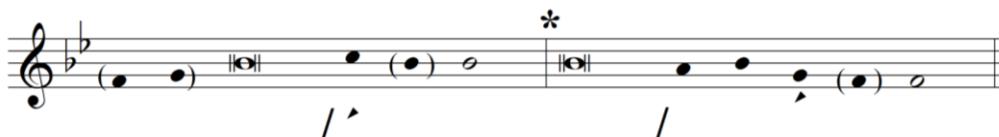
*We hear a reading from the Hebrew Bible:*

A reading from Genesis.

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.” *Genesis 9:8-17*

Here ends the reading.

*We sing Psalm 25:1-9. The Cantor sings the first half of each verse, and the congregation responds, alternating high and low voices as indicated. Please join in at home.*



*Cantor*

*Low voices*

*Cantor*

*High voices*

*Cantor*

*Low*

*Cantor*

*High*

*Cantor*

*Low*

*Cantor*

*High*

*Cantor*

*Low*

*Cantor*

*High*

*Cantor*

*Low*

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my / trúst in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies / triumph óver me.

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

Show me your / wáys, O Lord, \*  
and / teach me yóur paths.

Lead me in your truth and / téach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted / all the dáy long.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and / lóve, \*  
for they are from / everlasting.

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

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

He guides the humble in doing / ríght \*  
and teaches his way / to the lówly.

All the paths of the Lord are love and / fáithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant / and his téstimoniés.

Setting Plainsong tone 8.1

*The Deacon introduces the Gospel saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
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.”

*Mark 1:9-15*

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon                    *The Preacher breaks the bread of God's word.*

*After a brief time of stillness, we affirm our faith. Please join in at home.*

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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.  
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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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

*The Deacon says,*

We are baptized to lift up, day by day, all the needy world to God. Let us pray for all who are in need,  
saying, Have mercy, O Lord.

*Intercessor*

For the Church, that all who have found God's promise in the waters of baptism may enter gladly into  
the testing time of Lent, we pray:

*All*

Have mercy, O Lord.

<i>Intercessor</i>	For the Church, that those preparing for Confirmation [N. ...], may walk with us these forty days and know both Satan's testing and God's reign, we pray: Have mercy, O Lord.
<i>All</i>	
<i>Intercessor</i>	For our world, that all living creatures may find goodness on the earth, or home, where life and death may both be God's blessing, we pray: Have mercy, O Lord.
<i>All</i>	
<i>Intercessor</i>	For deliverance, that in the wastelands made by our greed and indifference we may fast from evil and grow hungry for justice, we pray: Have mercy, O Lord.
<i>All</i>	
<i>Intercessor</i>	For ourselves in this community, that we may strain forward toward Easter, caring for our sick and needy, remembering our dead, and in our every deed believing the Good News, we pray: Have mercy, O Lord.
<i>All</i>	
<i>Intercessor</i>	For all those who have claim to our intercession, we pray. <i>In the stillness that follows, prayers may be added silently, aloud at home, or in Zoom's chat box.</i>
	<i>The Presider concludes with this collect:</i> God of wild beasts and of angels, of waters and wilderness, remember us; remember all whom we remember; remember the covenant you made with every living creature, for that is our bond with you now and for ever. Amen.
	<i>The Presider says,</i> The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.

## The Holy Eucharist

*The Presider says an Offertory Sentence.*

We join in singing hymn 149 in the Hymnal 1982:

1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your Church walk - ing once more the  
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of a - rise, so dai - ly liv - ing of  
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise, you the first - born of

pil - grim way of Lent, led by your cloud by day, by night your  
to your way of love, dead; we walk your road, Lord Je - sus, that green you  
all the faith - ful glo - rious in - selves spring - time toward in - to pres - ence bent:  
break, glo - rious in - selves spring - time toward in - to pres - ence bent:  
fire, trod, know by your love and bap - tized your in - to pres - ence bent:  
trod, break, glo - rious in - selves spring - time toward in - to pres - ence bent:  
break, glo - rious in - selves spring - time toward in - to pres - ence bent:  
bent: death: flower,

far off yet here - the goal live glo - all you de - sire. God. wake.  
so we are dead - and ther's glo - ry with you shall in we  
so in the Fa - ther's glo - ry with you shall in we  
so the Fa - ther's glo - ry with you shall in we

Words Thomas H. Cain (1931-2003) • Music OLD 124TH, melody *Psaumes octante trois de David*, 1551; har. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Presider*  
*People*  
*Presider*  
*People*  
*Presider*  
*People*

God be with you.  
And also with you.  
Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*The Presider continues,*

Almighty and everliving God, it is right always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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. And so we join the saints and angels in proclaiming your glory as we sing:

All

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless'd is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san - na in the high - est.

Setting David Hurd

*The Presider continues the Eucharistic Prayer.*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator and sustainer of all that is: through wisdom who was with you when your purpose first unfolded, you called us into life and formed us in your image and likeness. She sought to guide us and help us in your truth, but we turned away and were deaf to your call. In the fulness of time, you spoke again, and your word was Jesus: bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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 Jesus 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

People

Therefore, O God, according to Jesus' command,  
We remember Christ's death,  
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,  
We await Christ's coming in glory;

*The Presider continues the Eucharistic Prayer*

Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise, this memorial of our redemption. Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of your Son. Send your Holy Spirit upon us, and make us bearers of your word in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Paul the Apostle, Blessed Francis of Assisi, [Blessed N.] and all your saints who have done your will through the ages.

All

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.  
AMEN.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,  
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
    your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
    now and for ever. Amen.

Presider  
People

*The Presider breaks the bread. A period of silence is kept, then is said*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
Therefore let us keep the feast.

Presider

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*For those who will be consuming their own, unconsecrated bread or other food, the Presider offers an agape blessing:*

O God, you reveal in each of your servants the signs of your presence:

As we gather we experience the spirit of your love.

In our companionship, in person or in this virtual time of gathering with one another, we pray that your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*All may now consume the blessed Sacrament or the Agape feast.*

*This action completed, the Presider leads a prayer of thanksgiving:*

All

Blessed are you, O God.

You bring forth nourishment and refreshment from the earth,

and you have fed us on our way with the bread of life in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ.

Sustain us through the power of the Holy Spirit,

guide us in the way of your love,

and bring us to that day when we can once again share the bread of life at the altar of your love.

As grain scattered upon the earth is gathered into one loaf,

so gather your Church in every place through your Son.

May this time together and moment of agape,

which is the selfless love we know through Jesus,

strengthen us in the coming weeks and months

as we prepare to serve as he did.

To you be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

*Hymn 312 in The Hymnal 1982 follows. Please sing boldly at home.*

1 Strength - en for ser - vice, Lord, the hands that ho - ly  
2 Lord, may the tongues which "Ho - ly" sang, keep free from  
3 The feet that tread thy hal - lowed courts from light do

things have tak - en; let ears that now have  
all de - ceiv - ing; the eyes which saw thy  
thou not ban - ish; the bo - dies by thy

heard thy songs to clam - or nev - er wak - en.  
love be bright, thy bless - ed hope per - ceiv - ing.  
Bo - dy fed with thy new life re - ple - nish.

Words Syriac Liturgy of Malabar; tr. Charles William Humphreys (1840-1921); alt. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

Music MALABAR, David McKinley Williams (1887-1978)

*The Deacon says,*

Let us bow before the Lord.

*The Presider prays over the People, saying,*

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.

*The Deacon dismisses us, saying*

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*A short voluntary follows.*

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