

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Evanston

The First Sunday in Lent

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During the holy season of Lent the Eucharist celebration is simplified to reflect this time of penitence and self-examination.

Voluntary • “O God, Our Faithful God”

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THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

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

The Great Litany

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, **have mercy upon us.**

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful, **have mercy upon us.**

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, **have mercy upon us.**

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us, for ever. **Spare us, good Lord.**

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation, **good Lord, deliver us.**

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity, **good Lord, deliver us.**

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil, **good Lord, deliver us.**

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment, **good Lord, deliver us.**

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine, **good Lord, deliver us.**

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared, **good Lord, deliver us.**

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation, **good Lord, deliver us.**

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost, **good Lord, deliver us.**

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment, **good Lord, deliver us.**

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way, **we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly, **we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people, **we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom, **we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, **we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived, **we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments, **we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth, **we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples, **we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed, **we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them, **we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good, **we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel, **we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife, **we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm, **we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation, **we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind, **we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word, **we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts, **we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet, **we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace, **we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom, **we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us. **Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **grant us thy peace.**

O Christ, hear us. **O Christ, hear us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us. **Christ, have mercy upon us.** Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

2 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.”

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:3-9 • *Ad te, Domine, levavi* [refrain sung first by the choir, then by all]

REFRAIN:

Your paths, O Lord, are love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant.

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.

REFRAIN [sung by all]

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.

REFRAIN [sung by all]

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.

REFRAIN [sung by all]

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.

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Gradual • Tone V

[sung by St. Luke's choir]

“He shall give his Angels charge over thee...”

from The English Gradual

He shall give his Angels charge over thee: to keep thee in all thy ways.

[Verse:] They shall bear thee in their hands: that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

The Gospel • Mark 1:9-15

[standing as able]

Assistant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Response: **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.”

Assistant: The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon • The Reverend Kathryn Banakis

The Nicene Creed

[spoken by all, stand as able]

**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 • Written by Nancy Nicholson

As Satan tempted Jesus, we are tempted every day and cannot hope for success without divine guidance. Let us follow the Psalmist's directive: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul: my God, I put my trust in you.

We are your people, your Church, with whom you have an everlasting covenant of protection. Help us to be respectful and mindful of this honor; though we may never be worthy, let us try. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul: **my God, I put my trust in you.**

We pray for our leaders. Please give them strength, resilience and patience as they seek to steer through the unpredictable storms that surround us. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul: **my God, I put my trust in you.**

We pray for our own strength as we navigate the world; our relationships with family, with friends, with those we do not understand and with those we fear. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul: **my God, I put my trust in you.**

We crave the light, yet darkness is always present; help us to have faith in your order and protect your creation as you protect us. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul: **my God, I put my trust in you.**

We pray for all who suffer the raging waters of despair, anger, oppression and indifference; bring them to safe waters. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul: **my God, I put my trust in you.**

Lord may we always be strengthened through your covenant, guided by your commandments and comforted in your love. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul: **my God, I put my trust in you.**

Let us pray for the needs of others and for ourselves.

We remember those who are sick or in need . . .
[Intercessions may be offered here]

Those who have died and those who mourn . . .
[Intercessions may be offered here]

We ask you to bless the work of members of this community to serve others, especially this week for . . .

And with grateful hearts, we celebrate the blessings in our lives . . .

[Intercessions may be offered here]

Lord we are your people; weak and reckless, frequently blind and deaf to your signs. Guide us to calm water and gentle breezes that we may hear your voice and do your will. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul: **my God, I put my trust in you.**

The Peace

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

Response: **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem • *Jesus, So Lowly* Harold Friedell *[sung by St. Luke's choir]*

Jesus, so lowly, child of the earth: christen me wholly, bring me new birth. Jesus, so lonely, weary and sad; teach me that only love maketh glad. Jesus, so broken, silent and pale; be this the token, love will not fail. Jesus, victorious, mighty and free; teach me how glorious death is to be

The Lord's Prayer

Priest: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All: **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.**

Spiritual Communion

Priest: Since we cannot at this time partake together in Holy Communion. I invite you to join with me in this modified version of St. Augustine's prayer for spiritual communion. The intention to receive is enough to receive the blessings of the sacrament. Let us pray.

All: **In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful prevented from gathering at your table because of the pandemic, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. And particularly for the blessings given me. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we 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 in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.**

Blessing for the First Sunday in Lent

[kneel as able]

Priest: Bow down before the Lord.

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.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn 150 • "Forty days and forty nights"

Aus der Tiefe rufe ich

MUSIC NOTES: All of the music for this service was recorded on February 18th, 2018.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

Please include the following people and concerns in your prayers during worship this day and throughout the week.

Cycle of Prayer: Today we pray for The Most Rev. Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury; and for our companion dioceses of Renk in the Sudan and of Southeastern Mexico.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: For Michael, our Bishop; Paula, our Bishop-elect; and for all members of St. Luke's.

For our President Joseph and all leaders and policymakers.

For those who are ill and those who care for them: Mark McIntosh, Shannon Tryon, *niece of Maurice Hardy*, the Henschen family, Dr. George Fielding, Grace Carlson Lund, Paula Harbage, Janie Cooper, Jeslyn, Henry Schmidt, Charles Pratt, Mikey Skowron, Fran Wapole, Angelo Foggi, Bob Herbert, Linda Davie, Andrew Taylor and Logan Taylor, *grandsons of Linda and Alastair Davie*, Joan Gattuso, David Alexander, Sherry Nelson, Brigitte Saupe, *mother of Anja Roberts*, Michael and David, *brothers of Barbara Mahany*, Rosemary Harp, Katherine Jacobsen, *cousin of Peggy Newton*, Mary Mumbrue, George Lewis, Carolyn Phillips, Gregg Skalinder, Mary Gilmore, Doug Thomas.

For those serving in the military: Sean Villa, Aaron Scully, Anna Graettinger, Ben Pileski, Samuel Kite, and our Armed Forces Chaplains.

For those working for the care of all during the global pandemic: Erin Schmidt, Liz and Bruce Henschen, Susie O'Shaughnessy, Dawn Rakowski, Andrew Lindner.

Those in our area who have recently died by gun violence: Dwight Wesley, *23 years old*, Justin Reyes, *25 years old*, Lavenal Cobbins, *47 years old*, Jonathan Robinson, *51 years old*, Cordero Thomas, *32 years old*, Mondo Lee, *18 years old*, David Lopez, *34 years old*, Darryl Houston, *39 years old*, Anthony Rice, *24 years old*, Anthony Harris, *58 years old*, Ramon Gonzalez Borrego, *52 years old*, Terrence Woods, *22 years old*, Tyrone Carr, *30 years*

old, Kalomo Rankin, 32 years old, Gregory Jackson, 24 years old, Gino Dameron, 26 years old, Damia Smith, 15 years old, Martese Jackson, 19 years old, Darryl Herron, 27 years old, Arsenio Farr, 31 years old, Vilut Benjamin Gavrilas, 37 years old, Leroy Smythe, 31 years old, Shon Starks, 19 years old, Kenny Winters, 41 years old, Keontaye Gregory Molette, 22 years old, Jeremiah Irving, 19 years old, Jalin Osborne, 19 years old, Antwjuan Goldsmith, 30 years old, Darryl Harrison, 39 years old, Eric Perez, 29 years old, Andrew Stevens, 48 years old, Dontrell Robunson, 22 years old, Tysean Thomas, 20 years old, Guillermo Antonio Quiles, 53 years old, Kevontay Toomer, 27 years old, Demonte Smith, 28 years old, Rashes Wells, 43 years old, Pierre Anderson, 37 years old.

Anniversaries of the departed: James R. Flucke, Beatrice Paul Young, Belle Badger Siddall, John Mackin, John Lionberger, Joan Fowler.

Birthdays: John Osterhagen, Gregg Skalinder, Christian Foote.

Thanksgiving for Mission Ministries: Moveable Feast, Revive Center (formerly Cathedral Shelter), Seraj Library Project, Interfaith Action of Evanston, Impact Behavioral Health Partners (formerly Housing Options), Greenwood Ministry.