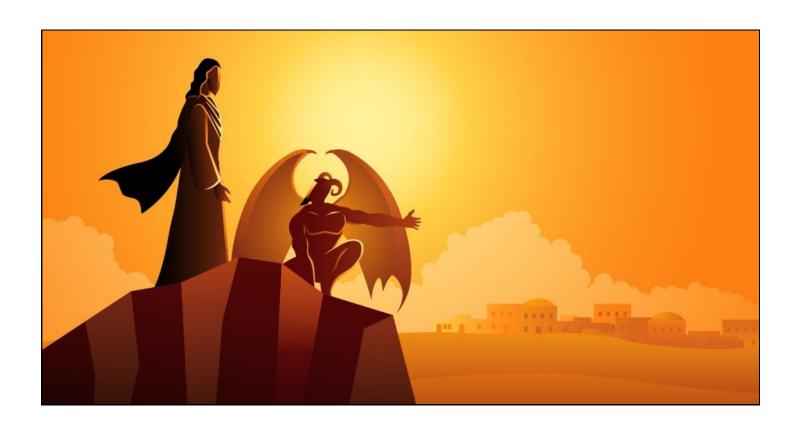
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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.



Sunday, March 9, 2025



Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Processional Hymn

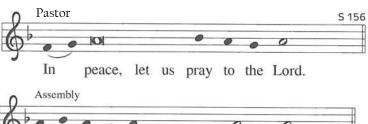
"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"



Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

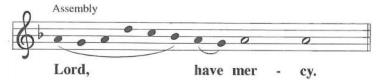
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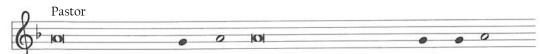






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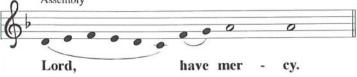




For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

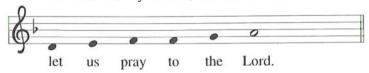


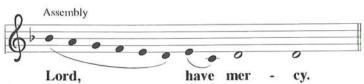
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lor

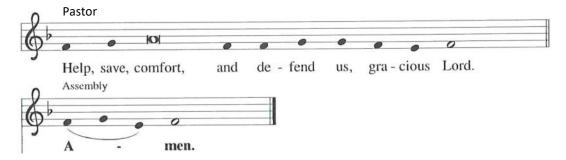




For this ho-ly house, and for all who of-fer here their wor-ship and praise,







The Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray... O Lord God,

All: you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(The assembly may be seated)

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Lector: The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading.

This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks.

In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16, "On Eagles Wings"



Second Reading: Romans 10:8b-13

Lector: Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.

A reading from the Paul's letter to the church in Rome.

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Lector: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand if you are able)

The Gospel Acclamation



The Gospel: Luke: 4:1-13

Pastor: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St.. Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Pastor: Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.



(The assembly may be seated)

The Sermon" Pastor Wilck

Hymn of the Day "When We Are Tested"



The Nicene Creed

All: 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 and the Son,* 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 of the Church

Pastor: Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need. (A brief silence.) Gracious God, speak your word anew among your church. Strengthen it to withstand the temptation to turn inward in fear or complacency. Embolden church institutions to turn from self-preservation toward the self-giving love of Jesus. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Mothering God, speak the word of life into wilderness places and fertile fields. Grant wisdom to your people, that we may use the natural resources that you provide for us to build your kingdom on earth. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty God, speak a word of wisdom to people in positions of power: mayors, councils, and tribal leaders, legislators, judges and juries, presidents, and monarchs. Help them discern your voice and follow your guidance, resisting the temptations of the evil one. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Steadfast God, speak words of courage to your people in the wilderness. Help those living in impoverished countries find the strength and determination to create just societies that are worthy of their people. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Loving God, speak gently to all who are alone. Bless lay ministers, home communion teams, and

others who attend to those who are overlooked, vulnerable, or lonely, that all will find

belonging in your love. We pray for all who are ill especially: Barb Collins, Elaine DeVantier, Jack Erbelding, Jim Flick, Debbie Frey, Meredith Fries, Geraldine Haak, Bonnie Hartfiel,

Janie Hopkins, Daryl Jarvis, Don Jermyn, Lynn Johnston, Barb King, Greg Lombard, Jean Lombard,

John Macksamie, Linda Palmer, Jackie Potter, Marilies Renke, Edith Russell, Joe Scuderi,

and Janine Westa. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Living God, we give thanks for all the faithful who have crossed the threshold from death to life.

Guide us who are living to learn from their wisdom and follow their example. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus,

who leads us from death to life.

All: Amen.

Peace

(the people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say, "peace be with you," or similar words.)

Pastor: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

(Please be seated)

Offertory Song "I Found the Treasure"

(The offering is collected and brought forward during the singing of the hymn.)

Lord to whom shall we go? You alone speak the words of life. You alone on the earth or in heaven above are my saviour and my Lord.

I found a treasure in a field, that neither time nor death can steal.

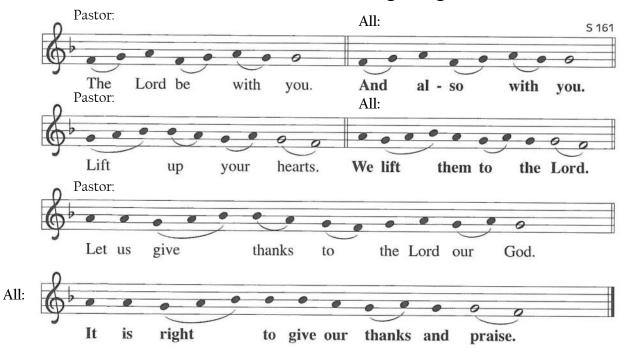
I will sell what I have, give all that I am,
to hold this treasure as my own.

Jesus, Lord of my life, I can ask for nothing more than to see and believe that my life lies in You, in the kingdom of my Lord.

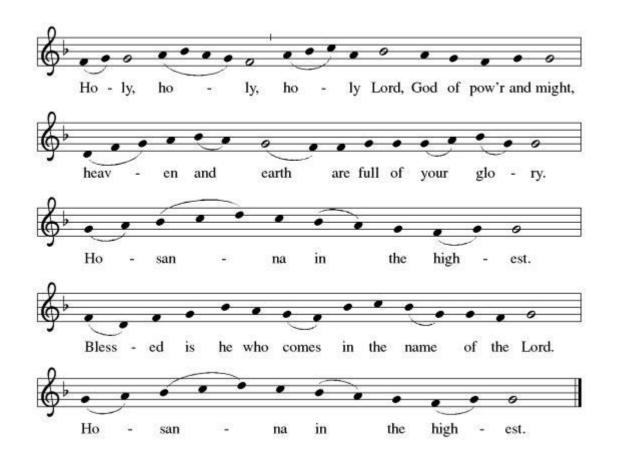
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The Great Thanksgiving



Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on



Pastor:

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Pastor:

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Reveal yourself to us in the break

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

Pastor: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.



The Lord's Prayer



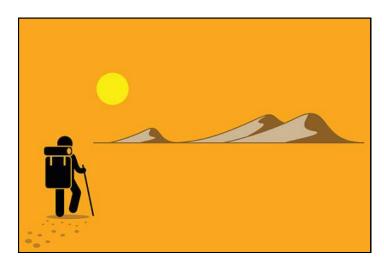


Invitation to Communion

Pastor: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

Communion Hymn: "Bless Now, O God, the Journey"





Communion Choir Anthem: "Now in this Banquet" by Marty Haugen

Refrain: Now in this banquet, Christ is our bread; Here shall all hungers be fed.

Bread that is broken, wine that is poured, Love is the sign of our Lord.

Verses: You who have touched us and graced us with love,

make us your people of goodness and light. (refrain)

Let our hearts burn with the fire of your love; open our eyes to the glory of God. (refrain)

God who makes the blind to see, God who makes the lame to walk, bring us dancing into day, lead your people in your way. (refrain)

Hope for the hopeless, light for the blind,

Strong is your name, Lord, "Gentle," and "Kind." (refrain)

Call us to be your light, call us to be your love,

make us your people again. (refrain)

Come, O Spirit! Renew our hearts!

We shall arise at be children of light. (refrain)

(Please stand if you are able)

Post Communion Blessing

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Pastor: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage:

may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of

grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

Blessing

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord

look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

All: Amen.

Sending Song, "The Glory of these Forty Days"



Dismissal

Pastor: Go into the wilderness, serve the Lord.

All: Amen.

Postlude