



The First Sunday in Lent
March 9, 2025
9:00am
Word and Prayer

PRAYER CARD

If you have a Prayer Request, use the **YELLOW** card that is available in the narthex, from an usher, or in the pew racks. Ushers will collect the cards before the Sermon so that prayers can be offered during the Intercessions. If you are visiting with us, please use the Information Update on the reverse side of the card. Include your name and address and other important information. If our congregation can assist you in any way, please put that information on the card or speak to the Pastor.

ASSISTANCE

The ushers can supply parents of small children with soft toys, books, and a weekly children's worship bulletin. The parlor (the room behind the sanctuary) has a loud speaker and window so that, if necessary, parents can use it as a cry room and still see and hear the service. Large-print editions of our worship service are also available from the ushers.

HOLY COMMUNION

Based on the teachings of Scripture and in response to the Lord's admonition that, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup (1 Cor. 11:28)," we ask that those who attend the Lord's Supper ask of themselves the following questions:

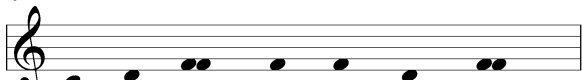
1. Do you believe that you are a sinner in need of God's grace? (1 John 1:8-9)
2. Are you truly sorry for your sins? (1 Cor. 11:26-29)
3. Do you believe in Jesus as your Savior? (Romans 5:6)
4. Do you intend with the aid of the Holy Spirit to amend your sinful life? (2 Cor. 5:15)
5. Do you believe you receive Christ's true body and blood in the Lord's Supper?
(Mark 14:22-24)
6. Do you trust God and His promises and accept as true all He teaches in Holy Scriptures? (John 8:31-32)
7. Have you been baptized in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
(Matthew 28:19-20)

If your answer to these questions is yes, then we welcome you to the Lord's Supper. If you have any questions, burdens, or doubts concerning the sacrament, please speak with the Pastor before communing. Adults and children not receiving the Body and Blood of Christ may instead come forward to receive a blessing. Please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest. Gluten free rice wafers are available. Please indicate this by clearly raising your index finger. Please inform an usher if you are unable to come to the altar; the elements will be brought to you.

Stand

Versicles

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L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth shall de - clare Your praise.



C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



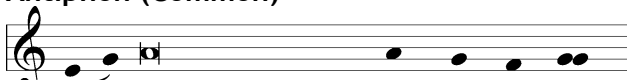
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Psalmody


The PSALMODY begins with this song of praise. Everyone sings the parts marked C. The NORTH (Wall) side sings the parts marked I. The SOUTH (window) side sings the parts marked II.

Antiphon (Common)

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L Give glory to God, our light and our life.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite

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C O come, let us sing to the Lord;



let us make a joy - ful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.



I Let us come in - to His pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing;



let us make a joy - ful noise to Him with songs of praise.



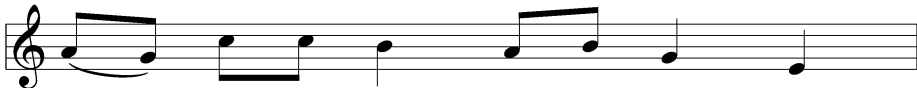
II For the Lord is a great God and a great king a - bove all gods.



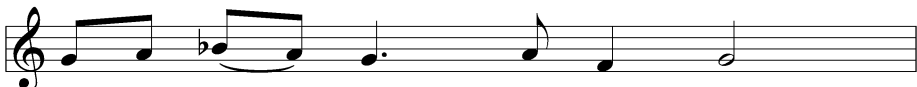
I In His hand are the depths of the earth;



the heights of the moun - tains are His al - so.



II The sea is His, for He made it;



and His hand formed the dry land.



I O come, let us wor - ship and bow down;



let us kneel be - fore the Lord, our mak - er.



II For He is our God, and we are the peo - ple



of His pas - ture and the sheep of His hand.



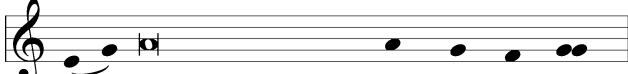
G Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;



as it was in the be-gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.

Antiphon (Common)

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L Give glory to God, our light and our life.



G O come, let us wor - ship Him.

All Sit

PSALM

Psalm 91

The cantor sings the antiphon. The people repeat it.

The cantor sings the verses.

The people sing the antiphon where indicated.

Antiphon:



Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High
And abide in the shade of the Almighty
Say to the Lord: "My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!" *Antiphon*
Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell.
For you God has commanded the angels, to keep you in all your ways. *Antiphon*
They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone.
On the lion and the viper you will tread
And trample the young lion and the dragon. *Antiphon*
You set your love on me so I will save you, protect you for you know my name.
When you call I shall answer: "I am with you,"
I will save you in distress and give you glory. *Antiphon*

Song: Cling to the Cross by Lost and Found

Verse 1

Cling to the cross
Cling to the cross
I will not be ashamed
I will not be afraid
I will cling to the cross

Verse 2

Trust in his love
Trust in his love
I will not be ashamed
I will not be afraid
I will trust in his love

Verse 3

Live in his Word
Live in his Word
I will not be ashamed
I will not be afraid
I will live in his Word

The Lessons and Gospel

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

L A reading from Deuteronomy, chapter 26.

Offerings of Firstfruits and Tithes

¹“When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. ³And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’ ⁴Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

⁵“And you shall make response before the LORD your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous.

⁶And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. ⁹And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. ¹¹And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 10:8b-13

L A reading from Romans, chapter 10.

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 4:1–13

L A reading from Luke, chapter 4.

The Temptation of Jesus

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ²for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” ⁴And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” ⁵And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸And Jesus answered him, “It is written,

“You shall worship the Lord your God,
and him only shall you serve.””

⁹And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,
to guard you,’

¹¹and

“On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.”

¹²And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

¹³And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Final Reading Response

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L In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

The children are invited to come forward for a message

After Children's Message, PRAYER CARDS can be handed towards the center aisle and given to an usher.

Gospel Canticle

Stand

Benedictus

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C Bless - ed be the Lord, the God of Is - ra - el;



He has come to His peo - ple and re - deemed them.

He has raised up for us a might - y Sav - ior,

born of the house of His ser - vant Da - vid.

Through His ho - ly proph - ets He prom - ised of old

that He would save us from our en - e - mies, from the hands of all who

hate us. He prom - ised to show mer - cy to our fa - thers

and to re - mem - ber His ho - ly cov - e - nant.

This was the oath He swore to our fa - ther A - bra - ham:

to set us free from the hands of our en - e - mies,

free to wor - ship Him with - out fear, ho - ly and

righ - teous in His sight all the days of our life.



L You, my child, shall be called the proph - et of the Most High,



for you will go be - fore the Lord to pre - pare His way,



to give His peo-ple knowl-edge of sal-va - tion by the for-give-ness



of their sins. In the ten-der com-pas-sion of our God,



the dawn from on high shall break up - on us



to shine on those who dwell in dark-ness and the shad-ow of death



and to guide our feet in - to the way of peace.



G Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the



Ho - ly Spir - it; as it was in the be - gin - ning,



is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

C Amen

P Trusting ourselves to the grace of God, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P Everlasting God,

C **fountain of all life and the true home of every heart: our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Yet we confess that our hearts have been enslaved by selfish passion and base desire. We have sought after many things and have neglected the one thing needful. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. Loving God, who alone can fill our deepest longings and quiet our restless hearts, help us to turn to you and find forgiveness. Lead us home that we may again find in you our life and joy and peace. Amen**

P Jesus said: Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

C Amen

Sit

Prayer

Kneel/Stand

Lent 1

L Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Other prayers and intercessions are said by the leader with the congregation responding "Amen" to each. In concluding the prayers the leader says:

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Lord's Prayer

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C 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 forever. Amen

Offering/Prayer

Offerings can be given in the offering plate outside the back door of the sanctuary before or after worship.

Song: How Deep the Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss -
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life -
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart -
His wounds have paid my ransom.

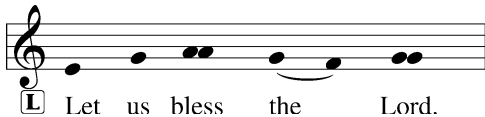
Sermon

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Closing Prayer

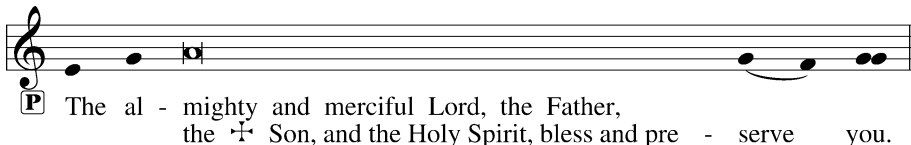
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Benediction

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424 O Christ, You Walked the Road



- 1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan - d'ring feet must go.
- 2 No bread of earth a - lone Can fill our hun - g'ring hearts.
- 3 No blind - ing sign we ask, No won - der from a - bove.
- 4 When lures of eas - y gain With prom - ise bright - ly shine,
- 5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan - d'ring feet must go.



You faced with us temp - ta - tion's pow'r And fought our an - cient foe.
Lord, help us seek Your liv - ing Word, The food Your grace im - parts.
Lord, help us place our trust a - lone In Your un - swerv - ing love.
Lord, help us seek Your king - dom first; Our wills with Yours a - lign.
Stay with us through temp - ta - tion's hour To fight our an - cient foe.

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