The First Sunday of Lent

21 February 2021
11 a.m. Choral Eucharist
Welcome to Grace Cathedral — online! You are invited to participate in this service as you are able, by standing, sitting, praying and singing aloud as you may be moved. We may not be with you to hear you, but we join our prayers with yours, and offer them to God with joyful hearts.

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Procession

The Gathering

Kyrie Eleison

Choir  Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Opening Acclamation

Presider  Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People  Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

The Conffession of Sin  The people may kneel or stand.

Presider  Let us confess our sins to God.

All  God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The presider pronounces God’s absolution.

The Collect of the Day

Presider  May God be with you.

People  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

The First Reading

Reader A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Genesis 9: 7-17

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.”

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25: 1-9

The people remain seated.

John Joubert

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

Choir 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.

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

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 are you, O LORD; *

therefore you teach sinners in your way.

You guide the humble in doing right *

and teach your way to the lowly.

All Your paths, O LORD are love and faithfulness, to those who keep your covenant.
**The Second Reading**

Reader  A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

All  Thanks be to God.

**The Holy Gospel**

Choir  We do not live by bread alone, says the Lord;

people  but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

All repeat the three Alleluias.

Before the reading  The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All  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.”

After the Gospel  The Gospel of the Lord.

All  Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon**

A period of silence may follow.

The people sit.

The Very Rev. Dr. Malcolm Clemens Young  Dean

**The Nicene Creed**

All  After the sermon, the people stand.

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.

The Prayers of the People

Presider In peace, we pray to you, O God:
In gratitude for this community, especially, Dinner with Grace,
and for all the blessings of this life

People We praise and exalt you for ever and ever.
For the mission and ministry of the Church of God
For all who serve the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth
For all who await the outward signs and grace of Baptism
For all who hunger and thirst for your presence
For those we greet comfortably and love readily,
For those we ignore, diminish, or exclude
For this community, city, nation and world;
For all who labor for justice, equity, health and wholeness
For the just and proper use of your creation
For the will to choose the common good
For all who are sick, suffering, displaced or detained,
For all who heal, soothe, grant refuge and release,
Hear us, God;
For your mercy is great;
For... and all the saints
For eternal rest and peace.

The presider adds a concluding collect.

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
All And also with you.

Announcements Announcements about your cathedral home, and the many ways you can be a part of this vibrant community

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

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Thank you for your generosity.
1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;
2 Should not we thy sor - row share and fromworld - ly joys ab - stain,
3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!
4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;

1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempted, and yet un - de -filed.
2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?
3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!
4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.
5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

text: George Hunst Smyttan (1822-1870), alt.;
music: melody attrib. Martin Herbst (1654-1681), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider
The Lord be with you.
All
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 our thanks and praise.

Presider concluding
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.
All
Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

Presider
Let us pray together, each in the language of our heart, as our Savior Christ has taught us:
All
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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Bread is broken. Silence follows.

Presider
God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.
People
Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

Invitation to Communion

Presider
The Gifts of God for the people of God.
Agnus Dei

Choir
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Postcommunion Prayer

Presider
Let us pray.

All
Everliving God,
we give you thanks
for nourishing our roots
and creating us anew.
Fed and healed by your presence,
loving you in our service,
Help us to become what we celebrate,
the Body of Christ for the world.
Amen.

Hymn 559

Sung by all, standing.

Dulce Carmen

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
Savior, breathe forgiveness; all our weakness thou dost know;
Spirit of our God, descending, fill our hearts with heavenly joy;

Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, for we have no help but thee,
thou didst tread this earth before us; thou didst feel its keenest woe;
love with every passion blending pleasure that can never cloy;

yet possessing every blessing, if our God our Father be.
yet unfeeling, persevering, to thy passion thou didst go.
thus provided, pardoned, guided, nothing can our peace destroy.

text: James Edmeston (1791-1867), alt.; music: melody from An Essay on the Church Plain Chant, 1782; adapt. Collection of Motetts or Antiphons, ca. 1840; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)
The Sending Forth

The Blessing and Dismissal
The presider pronounces God’s blessing.

Presider
May the crucified Christ shatter our brittle fear, draw all people to his glory, and make us servants for the life of the world, and the blessing of God....

All
Amen.

Deacon
Let us bless the Lord.

All
Thanks be to God.

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