

The First Sunday in Lent

St. George's Episcopal Church

February 21st, 2021



Prelude

Presider Blessed be God who forgives all our sins.

People **God's mercy endures for ever.**

The Collect for Purity

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie

Presider Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Presider Lord, have mercy.

The Word of God

The Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you
People **And also with you**
Presider 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.

All **Amen.**

The First Reading

Genesis 9:8-17

Reader 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."

All The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

Reader 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.

All The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Mark 1:9-15

Deacon
All

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon

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."

All

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Reflections

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,
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

Leader Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

All Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Leader Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

All Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Leader Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

All Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Leader Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as Christ loves us.

Silence

All Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Leader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

All Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Leader We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

All Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

Deacon Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

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 our Savior 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.**

Presider 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.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The Peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory

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Even when we are apart, we are growing as a community
practicing care for one another, shaped by love, and committed to our neighbors.*

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The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

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

Presider It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:
“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

All

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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

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 forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation

When we are unable to receive the bread and wine, we are nonetheless united with Christ by the Holy Spirit in our heartfelt desire to share in the Eucharist. Our tradition teaches that in this spiritual communion, we receive all the benefits of communion. We invite all those worshipping at home now to say this prayer:

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

The Prayer Book for the Armed Forces

The Post Communion Prayer

Presider
All

Let us pray.
Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Prayer Over the People

Presider

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

A Deacon dismisses the people, and the people respond

All

Thanks be to God.

On the cover: Sun, by Edvard Munch, 1909

Parish Prayer List

Parishioners: Peggi Gregory and family, Brian Shaw and family, Tina Hayes, Paul Brouker, Sylvia Burke, Ted Little, Terry Lohmann, Erin Maher, Charlie Smith, Heidi, Betsy Komar, Ken Barrett and family, Barbara Kautz, Suzanne Thompson, Dick Santoro, Ed Harding, Frank Jillson, Debby Ehret

Friends and Family: Bob Burke, Dennis Lawry, Jim Mixter, Perry Mixter, Eric Lauer, Santoro Family, Cynthia Jordan, Carmin Puntillo, Jordan, Patrick Driscoll, Jill Lynch, Mike Clfrino, Lee Koonce, Stephanie and Dean Batterman, Jill Burke, Barbara Yingst, Tom Block, Reverend Pamela Brouker, Gail Collins, Colby Durand, Gigi Edwards, Henry Flinkstrom, Annette Franzo, George Frantzis, Joanie and Kara, Lynn Jacobs, Joseph Kittel, Cathy Little, Caroline and Herb Lynn, Robert Merkle, Beth Nixon, Bob Porter, Fred Reisz, Darcy Rice and family, Rich, Kathy, Faith, Alyssa, and Hope Ritch, Stephan, John and Virginia Treganowan, Barbara Toscano; Cynthia Donahue; Thomas Gambrell Alden and his family; Carl and Christine Stallings; Everett Butcher; Isaac; Ryan MacKay, Margery

In the Armed Forces: Jakob Folley, Jacob Brouker, Colby Gregory, Sarah Eck Gregory, Andrew Macomber, Shawn McCann, Michael McPhail, Todd MacCallum, Matt Poling, Michael Reagan, Andrew Smith, Ben Smith, Patrick Taylor.

Additional Prayers: Pray for the people of Lebanon. Pray for the children and staff at Niños con Valor as they mourn the death of Luna.

Rest in Peace: Jeanne Eaton, Eve Barrett, Scott Gregory, Sidney Kassir, Pat Shaw, Caleb Wallace, Gretchen Lane, Luna, Suzanne D'Arinzo

If you would like to add someone to or offer updates for the parish prayer list, please contact Nancy Daigle at 207-703-9059 or contact the parish office.

Announcements

Meditations During Pandemic

You can spend prayerful time with new writing and photography this week, and with all the offerings you'll find on the Meditations blog by following this link:

<https://stgeorgesyorkharbor.org/reflections/>

Night Prayers

In the midst of uncertainty, it's a practice to set down our work and our worry, and entrust to God what we cannot hold onto. The night prayers of Compline, and the community that gathers to do this together, may be helpful to you.

You can join these prayers each night at 8:30 via this link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5860955152> .

Wednesday Book Group:

On February 24th, we will begin our Lenten book study with *Resurrecting Easter*, by Sarah and John Crossan. *Resurrecting Easter* explores the meaning of Jesus' resurrection by journeying back through art toward an ancient vision of the Resurrection as an ongoing "universal event."

All are welcome to join in the conversation each week via Zoom at 9:00am.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5860955152>

Time of Wonder

As Time of Wonder continues to create a safe, caring place for kids during the pandemic, they also need our help with some of the difficult-to-find supplies. Please look for and consider donating the following:

- Kleenex Hand Towels