

The First Sunday in Lent



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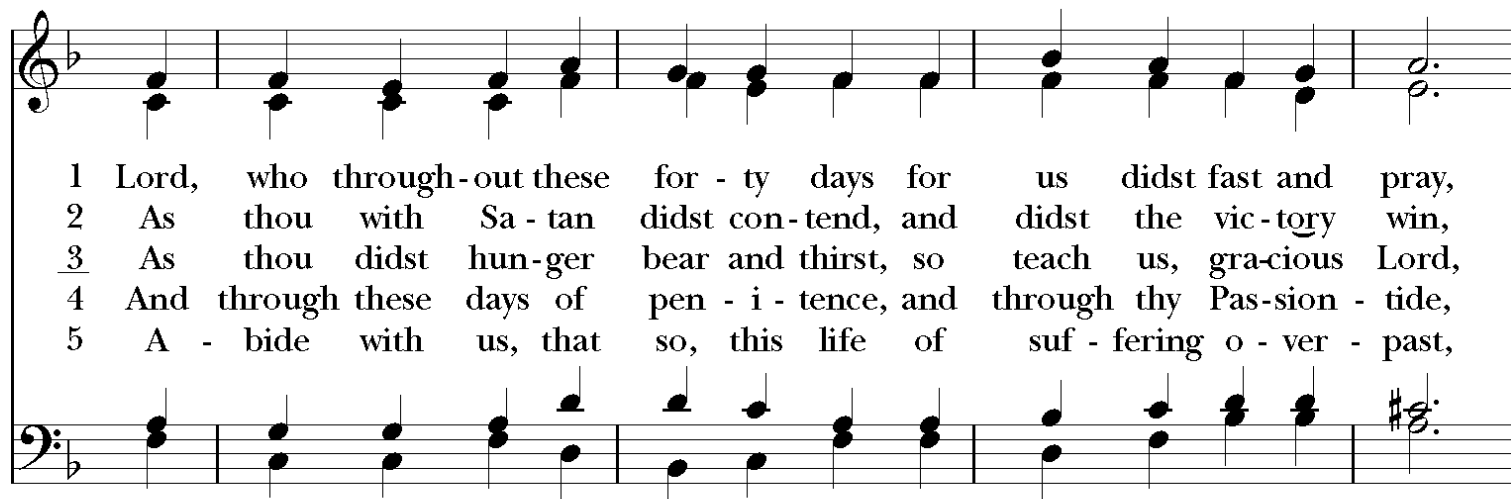
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

WELCOME

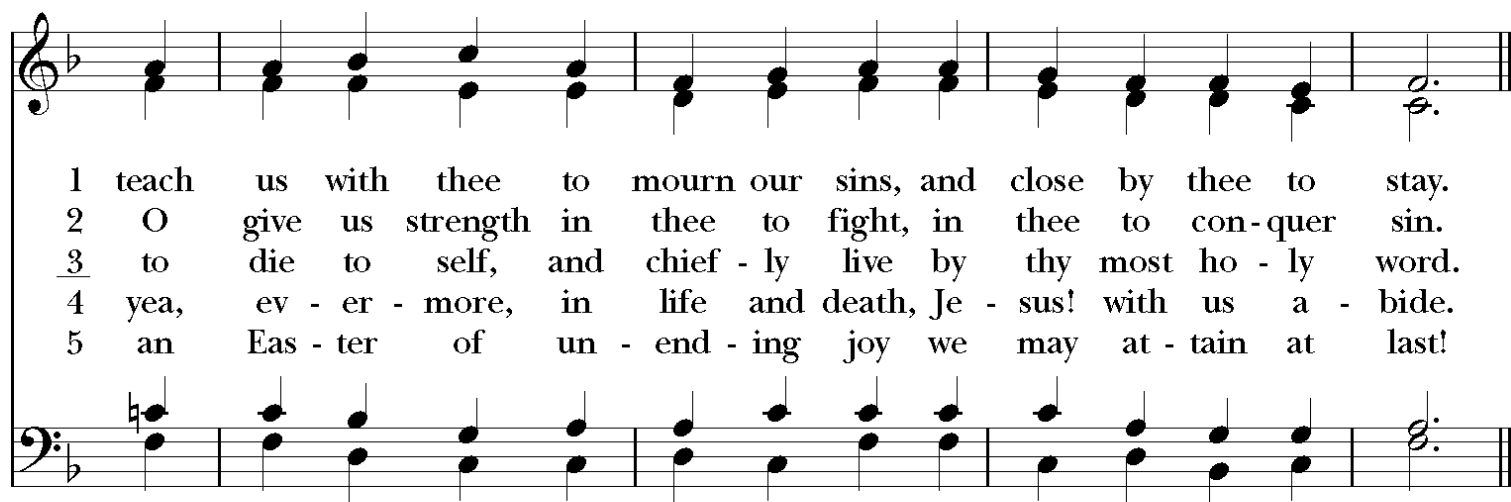
OPENING HYMN

Lord, who throughout these forty days

Hymnal 142



1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,
2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, and didst the vic - tory win,
3 As thou didst hun - ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra - cious Lord,
4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas - sion - tide,
5 A - bide with us, that so, this life of suf - fering o - ver - past,



1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con - quer sin.
3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.
4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.
5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

Words: Claudia Frances Hernaman (1838-1898) Music: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

PENITENTIAL ORDER

Officiant Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

Officiant 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." (*Mark 12:29-31*)

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

Silence may be kept.

All **Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift:
You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us.
We confess that we have failed to honor you
in the great diversity of the human family.
We have desired to live in freedom,
while building walls between ourselves and others.
We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are,
while making judgments of others based on the color of skin,
or the shape of features, or varieties of human experience.
We have tried to love our neighbors individually,
while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression.
Forgive us, Holy God.
Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people.
Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.
Restore us in your image, to be beloved community, united in our diversity,
even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit, Holy and undivided Trinity,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Officiant 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.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Artist of souls, you sculpted a people for yourself out of the rocks of wilderness and fasting. Help us as we take up anew your invitation to prayer and simplicity, that the discipline of this season may sharpen our hunger for the feast of your holy friendship, and whet our thirst for the living water you offer through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

FIRST READING

based on Genesis 6-9

A dramatic reading about Noah and the flood, written by the Rev. Susan Bock.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 25:1-9, *Common English Bible*

- 1 I offer my life to you, LORD. *
My God, I trust you.
- 2 Please don't let me be put to shame! *
Don't let my enemies rejoice over me!
- 3 For that matter, don't let anyone who hopes in you be put to shame; *
instead, let those who are treacherous without excuse be put to shame.
- 4 Make your ways known to me, LORD; *
teach me your paths.
- 5 Lead me in your truth—teach it to me—because you are the God who saves me. *
I put my hope in you all day long.
- 6 LORD, remember your compassion and faithful love— *
they are forever!
- 7 But don't remember the sins of my youth or my wrongdoing. *
Remember me only according to your faithful love, for the sake of your goodness, LORD.
- 8 The LORD is good and does the right thing; *
he teaches sinners which way they should go.
- 9 God guides the weak to justice, *
teaching them his way.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:18-22, *The Message*

Lector A reading from First Peter.

Christ suffered because of others' sins, the Righteous One for the unrighteous ones. He went through it all—was put to death and then made alive—to bring us to God. He went and proclaimed God's salvation to earlier generations who ended up in the prison of judgment because they wouldn't listen. You know, even though God waited patiently all the days that Noah built his ship, only a few of them were saved then, eight to be exact—saved *from* the water *by* the water. The waters of baptism do that for you, not by washing away dirt from your skin but by presenting you through Jesus' resurrection before God with a clear conscience. Jesus has the last word on everything and everyone, from angels to armies. He's standing right alongside God, and what he says goes.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

Mark 1:9-15

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

People **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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HOMILY

CREED

paraphrase of the Nicene Creed by Timothy Dudley-Smith

We be - lieve in God the Fa - ther, God al - migh - ty, by - whose plan
Christ, who on the cross for - sa - ken, like a lamb to slaugh - ter led,
We be - lieve in God the Spi - rit; in one Church, be low, a - bove:
earth and heav - en sprang to be - ing all cre - at - ed things be - gan.
suf - fered un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, he des - cend - ed to the dead.
saints of God in one com - mu - nion, one in ho - li - ness and love.
We be - lieve in Christ the Sa - vior, Son of God in hu - man frame,
We be - lieve in Je - sus ri - sen, hea - ven's king to rule and reign,
So by faith, our sins for - giv - en, Christ our Sa - vior, Lord and friend,
vir - gin born, the child of Ma - ry up - on whom the Spi - rit came.
to the Fa - ther's side as - cend - ed till as judge he comes a - gain.
we shall rise with him in glo - ry to the life that knows no end.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Reader* O God, give to your Church renewed grace and courage, that in this season, we may boldly proclaim your Word in new ways every day.
- Shine your holy light upon Christ Church Detroit and its leadership, that our community may be a beacon of your hope.
- Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**
- Reader* Grant that this nation and its civic leaders, especially Joe our President, Gretchen our Governor, and Michael our Mayor, may grow in empathy and wisdom, to discern and enact policies for the good of all.
- Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**
- Reader* Keep the nations of the earth under your care, that as we strive toward the light of justice and truth, there may be peace and goodwill throughout the world.
- Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**
- Reader* Be present with medical personnel, teachers, and other frontline workers, and all those who are dismantling systems of oppression in our communities, that they, through your strength, may quell the spread of both COVID-19 and moral ills that dishonor your image and likeness.
- Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**
- Reader* Watch over your children, that they may have the abiding peace of your presence all the days of their lives. We pray especially for those who celebrate birthdays this week: **Gregory Jackson, Mary Vitolins**, and those we now name. (*People add names silently or aloud.*)
- Silence*
- Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**
- Reader* Look upon those who are suffering or sick, and those for whom home has not been a place of rest, that they may find respite and relief from their troubles. We pray especially for **Pat Ald, Sue Barber, Ed Beverly, Tim Cook, David Dieter, Digory, Trevor Esse, Sean Farley, Debbie Faust, Vincent Faust, Grace, Hope Hoffman, Michael Jenkins, Judith, Lauren Keils, Lucinda Keils, JoAnn Kelly, Matthew Klein, Arnold Matthews, Jane McFeely, Jonathon Moon, Paul, Kathleen S., Atticus Schoonover, Marilyn Shably, Owen Sprague, Gregg Stewart, Len St. Jean, John T., Bobbie Traxler, Sue Urbanski, Mimi Van Scoter, Megan White, Bob Wright**, and those we now name. (*People add names silently or aloud.*)
- Silence*
- Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader Receive into your eternal embrace those we love but see no longer, that they may rest in light and peace, to the comfort and consolation of those who mourn. We pray for all who have died, especially those we now name. (*People add names silently or aloud.*)

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Officiant O God of peace,
let us your people know that at the heart of turbulence
there is an inner calm that comes from faith in you.
Keep us from being content with things as they are,
that from this central peace there may come a creative compassion,
a thirst for justice, and a willingness to give of ourselves in the spirit of Christ,
in whose name we pray.

A New Zealand Prayer Book

People **Amen.**

PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people share with one another signs of Christ's peace.

VESTRY GREETING

OFFERTORY

BCP 377

Officiant Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

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or by mailing a check to Christ Church Detroit, 960 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, 48207.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Spirit Song

John Wimber

O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love.
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
Oh, let him have the things that hold you,
and his Spirit, like a dove, will descend upon your life, and make you whole.

*Jesus, oh, Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, oh, Jesus, come and fill your lambs.*

Oh, come and sing this song with gladness.
As your hearts are filled with joy, lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.
Oh, give him all your tears and sadness, give him all your years of pain,
and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

adapted from *This Far By Faith*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **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 God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth: because, though our road has been stony going, you have given us the power to stand firm in the face of wickedness and to rejoice in triumph over death and the grave. And so, with the multitude from east and west, from north and south, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we lift our voices in the unending hymn:

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity.

The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to your command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; remembering your truth, and awaiting the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.

Send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and this wine, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. And send your Holy Spirit, our Advocate, to fill our hearts with courage to pursue love and justice in all the world.

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

Celebrant and People

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say
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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Common Worship

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

Celebrant Let us pray.
All **As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.
Amen.**

The priest does not receive, but begins the Prayer for Spiritual Communion.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

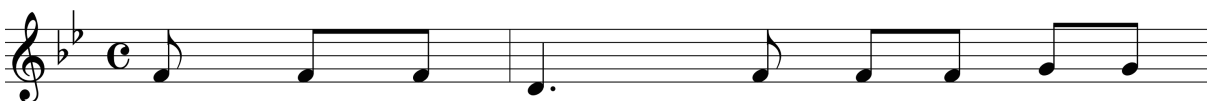
Common Worship

Celebrant Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love,
you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels,
and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life.
All **Although we cannot gather in person as a congregation
and consume these gifts of bread and wine together,
we thank you that we do receive the sacrament of Christ's presence,
the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
may we embody your desire and be renewed for your service,
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Celebrant Lord Jesus, stay with us. Assure us and revive us in the truth that in you alone, we are one body. Nourish us with solace and strength to be bread for the world, and bring us at last to that heavenly banquet, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

BLESSING



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe-some
 2. When through the woods and for-est glades I
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla -



won - der Con - sid - er all the works thy hands have
 wan - der And hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the
 spar - ing, Sent him to die, I scarce can take it
 ma - tion And take me home, what joy shall fill my



made, I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing
 trees, When I look down from loft - y moun-tain
 in That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
 heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through-out the u - ni-verse dis - played!
 gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze,
 bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin!
 ra - tion And there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"



Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee: How great thou



art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to



thee: How great thou art, how great thou art!

DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ABOUT THE ART AND MUSIC

The art on the cover is from the installation *Noah's Ark: Genesis*, created in 1984 by Charles McGee (1924-2021).

The materials are enamel and mixed media on masonite, and the 120"x180" piece is featured at the Detroit Institute of Arts. McGee's work, which includes murals and sculptures, is displayed prominently throughout Detroit. In a 2017 interview at the age of 92, McGee marveled, "I look at our world in awe and how it's all put together," and this fascination animated him throughout his seventy-year career, as he created art nearly every day of his life. In a 2008 interview, McGee said, "At that last moment of my life, I'll go out very happy because I feel like nature has given me a kiss of beauty that nobody can take from me." He died on February 4, 2021 at the age of 96. *Noah's Ark: Genesis* is reprinted here with permission under the Creative Commons Attribution Noncommercial License of Vanderbilt University.

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