

1st Sunday in Lent
SERVICE OF THE WORD

GATHERING

Welcome

Gathering Music

Introduction to Worship

Gathering Hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign"

All: 1. **Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

Cantor: 2. To him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown his head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.

All: 3. **People and realms of ev'ry tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name.**

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Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
the keeper of the covenant,
the source of steadfast love,
our rock and our redeemer.
Amen.

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Fountain of living water,
pour out your mercy over us.
Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.
Rebuild what we have ruined
and mend what we have torn.
Wash us in your cleansing flood.
Make us alive in the Spirit
to follow in the way of Jesus,
as healers and restorers of the world you so love.
Amen.

Beloved, God's word never fails.

The promise rests on grace:

by the saving love of Jesus Christ,
the wisdom and power of God,

your sins are ✠ forgiven, and God remembers them no more.

Journey in the way of Jesus.

Amen.

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Kyrie

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word:
it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole
that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r;
create in us new hearts!

Hymn of Praise

**Glory be to Christ forever,
Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior,
you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us;
now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us;
in your promise firm we stand.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Holy God,.....one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WRITTEN & SPOKEN WORD

First Reading, Genesis 9:8-17

Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, God destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and 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. ¹¹I 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.” ¹²God 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: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I 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. ¹⁶When 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.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Psalm, 25:1-10

¹To you, O LORD,

I lift up my soul.

²My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

³Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴Show me your ways, O LORD,

- and teach me your paths.
- ⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- ⁶Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.
- ⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- ⁸You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.
- ⁹You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.
- ¹⁰All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

Second Reading, 1 Peter 3:18-22

As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.

¹⁸Christ 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, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who 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. ²¹And 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, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Kid's Time

Kid's Song, "Jesus Listens When I Pray"

**Jesus listens when I pray,
when I pray, when I pray,
Jesus listens when I pray,
Ev'ry night, ev'ry day.**

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Gospel Acclamation

**We are turning, Lord, to hear you;
You are merciful and kind
Slow to anger, rich in blessing,
and with love to us inclined.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel, Mark 1:9-15

The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Sermon, "The Christian Habit of Prayer"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

**All: 1. What a friend we have in Jesus
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
oh, what needless pain we bear
all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!**

Cantor: 2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness
take it to the Lord in prayer.

**All: 3. Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer,
In His arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there**

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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty..... and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

P: Receive our prayer, O God.

C: In you we put our trust.

P: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your
mercy, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Offering

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Special Music

Offering Prayer

Faithful God..... with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

EDIBLE WORD

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in heaven.....forever and ever. Amen.

Communion Distribution

"Body of Christ, given for you."

"Blood of Christ, shed for you."

Special Music
Communion Blessing
Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. God of steadfast love.....in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

Blessing

You are what God made you to be.....in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity. **Amen.**

Announcements

Mission Statement

Together in Christ
We reach up – Worship
We reach in -- Discipleship
We reach out – Evangelism
To the glory of God

Sending Hymn, “Go, My children, With My Blessing”

1. **“Go, my children, with my blessing,
never alone.**

**Waking, sleeping, I am with you,
you are my own.**

**In my love’s baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.**

**Go, my children, with my blessing,
you are my own.”**

3. **“Go my children, fed and nourished,
closer to me.**

**Grow in love and love by serving,
joyful and free.**

**Here my Spirit’s power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.**

**Go, my children, fed and nourished,
joyful and free.”**

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

Sending Music

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