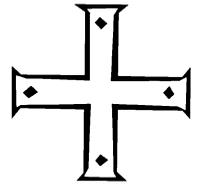


THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday 6 March 2022 • 10:00 AM
Grace Episcopal Church, Hinsdale, IL



GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME

THE ACCLAMATION

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins:

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

Presider Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel:

The Lord our 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 other commandment greater than these."

All kneel or stand, as able.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

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 your Son 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. **Amen.**

THE KYRIE ELEISON



All stand for the Collect.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord 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. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his

name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

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

THE PSALM

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Response

God shall give the an - gels charge o - ver you,
to keep you in all your ways.

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High,
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the Lord, "You are my refuge and my stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust." *Response*
- 9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you,
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling. *Response*

- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you,
to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you in their hands,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder;
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet. *Response*
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him;
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him;
I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him,
and show him my salvation. *Response*

THE SECOND READING

Romans 10:8b-13

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

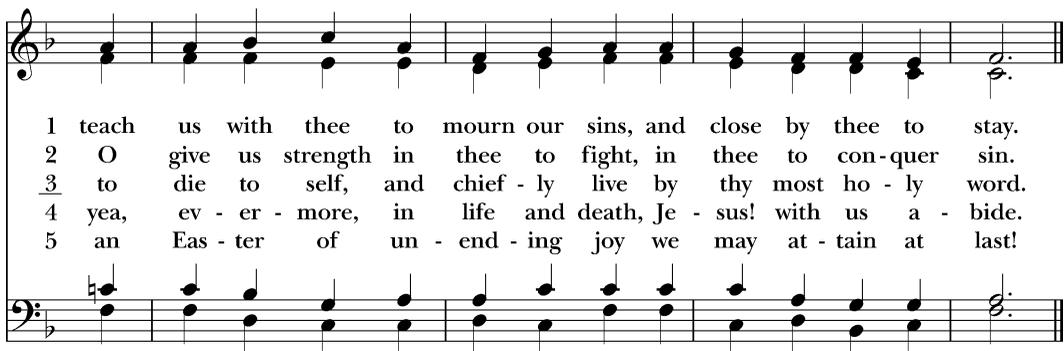
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

“Lord, Who throughout these Forty Days”

ST. FLAVIAN

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 conquer 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!

THE GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13

Preacher The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,'

and

'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Preacher The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

REFLECTION

Chris Pierce

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the Virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – Form 2

The Book of Common Prayer

During the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Reader I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;
 for our bishops: Michael, Paula, and Chilton; for this gathering;
 and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;

and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Members of the congregation may ask for the prayers or thanksgivings of those present

I ask your prayers for _____.

I ask your thanksgiving for _____.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have the grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Presider

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory Sentence

*With joy, we give thanks to God for all who support this community of love and faith.
Now more than ever, your gifts truly do continue the mission and ministries of Grace Church.*

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Anthem

“Call to Remembrance”

Richard Farrant (c. 1530-1580)

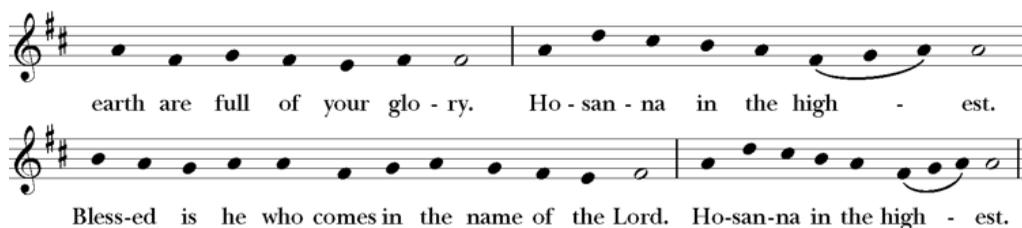
Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercy
and thy lovingkindness which hath been ever of old.
O remember not the sins and offences of my youth:
But according to thy mercy think thou on me, O Lord, for thy goodness. (Psalm 25:5-6)

Iona Invitation

This is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ.
It is made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more.

So come, you who have much faith and you have little;
You who have been here often
and you who have not been for a long time or ever before;
You who have tried to follow and you who have failed;

Come, not because the Church invites you;
It is Christ, and he invites you to meet him here.



earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Presider

God of mercy, you gave your people manna day by day
 during their time of testing;
 and because no one can live by bread alone,
 you gave Jesus to be our bread from heaven.
 Send your Holy Spirit upon your church to live as a sign
 of the way you transform this manna into mercy for all.
 With your spirit, bless this bread and this cup,
 that they may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
 who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks,
 broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,
 "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;
 do this in remembrance of me."
 After supper he took the cup.
 Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
 "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.
 Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith.

All

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Presider

Faithful God, whose Son did not escape suffering and death
 but accepted and finally overcame them,
 bring your disciples by the way of his cross to the joy of Easter.
 Strengthen your church to resist evil of every kind and turn from sin.
 With your mighty hand and outstretched arm,
 uphold those enduring trials and any who know their very life is at stake.
 Be with your children who are heavy laden,
 and all who labor beneath the misuse of power by another.
 Amid temptations to be successful,
 shape your children first to be faithful to your kingdom,
 until the day when in your resurrected glory there is one life,

one sharing, one holy communion among all saints
with you to whom all glory belongs forever,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider 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.**

THE BREAKING OF BREAD

The bread is broken. Silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Cantor, then All



We who are many are one bo - dy, for we all share in the one bread.

Cantor



We break this bread to share in the Bo-dy of Christ.

All



We who are many are one bo - dy, for we all share in the one bread.

The Invitation

From a sermon by St. Augustine

Presider Behold what you are;
People **May we become what we receive.**

THE COMMUNION

Anthem "Lonesome Valley" Spiritual, arr. Alf Houkom (b. 1935)

Jesus walked this lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself;
O, nobody else could walk it for him, he had to walk it by himself.

You must go and stand your trial, you have to stand it by yourself;
O nobody else can stand it for you, you have to stand it by yourself.

We must walk this lonesome valley, we must walk it by ourselves,
O nobody else can walk it for us, we must walk it for ourselves.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Presider Bow down before the Lord.

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.

HYMN

“Forty Days and Forty Nights”

HEINLEIN

1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;
2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - 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 tempt - ed, 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.

SENT FORTH TO THE WORLD

THE DISMISSAL

After the dismissal, the people respond **Thanks be to God.**

How do we deal with difficult Bible passages when we encounter them?

How do we deal with passages which historically have been used by others to vilify groups of people—passages that may seem to condone exclusion or condemnation of groups we may perceive as “other than us”? Everyone looks at scripture through a lens of some kind—a lens which will subsequently help shape the way they approach a given passage and ultimately interpret it.

We use the Baptismal Covenant as our lens, specifically “to seek and serve Christ in all persons,” and “to strive for justice and peace among all people.” (See the *Book of Common Prayer*, p. 304.) Through the Covenant, we understand how we are called to follow Christ and approach the difficult biblical passages with this knowledge in mind.

Why use incense in worship?

Incense has a long history in Christianity, Judaism and other religions. It adds our noses to the multi-sensory experience of worship. The psalmist expresses the symbolism of incense and prayer: “Let my prayer rise like incense before you; the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.”

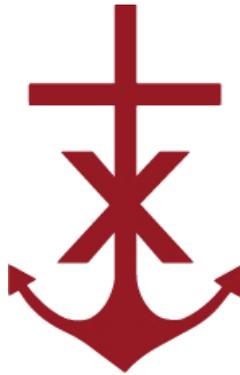
The clouds of incense represent cleansing and purification. The sweet smell suggests Christ's righteousness that covers sin. In some traditions, incense is used to honor holy things and holy people (the gathered people, that is, the body of Christ). The altar/table, the bread and wine, the ministers and the assembly may be “censed” as a way of showing their importance in the liturgy. Incense adds a festive accompaniment to processions, creating “holy clouds” and “holy smells” in the air.

The sweet smell of incense is a doorway to the holy in the same way that beautiful music, flowers, stained glass, or a room/building can lead us to ponder the mystery of God's presence. Incense in worship is an ancient practice that connects us to the Church around the world and through the ages.

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