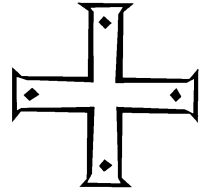


# THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 18 February 2024 ♦ 10:00 AM  
Grace Episcopal Church, Hinsdale, IL



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## GATHERING TOGETHER

*This service is live-streamed and recorded for future viewing.*

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

## PENITENTIAL ORDER

### THE ACCLAMATION

*Presider* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

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

### SENTENCE FROM SCRIPTURE

*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."

### THE CONFESSION 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

McNeil Robinson II (1943-2015)

*Cantor first time, then ALL*

Lord, have mer-cy.

*Cantor first time, then ALL*

Christ, have mer-cy.

*Cantor first time, then ALL*

Lord, have mer-cy.

## 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

Genesis 9:8-17

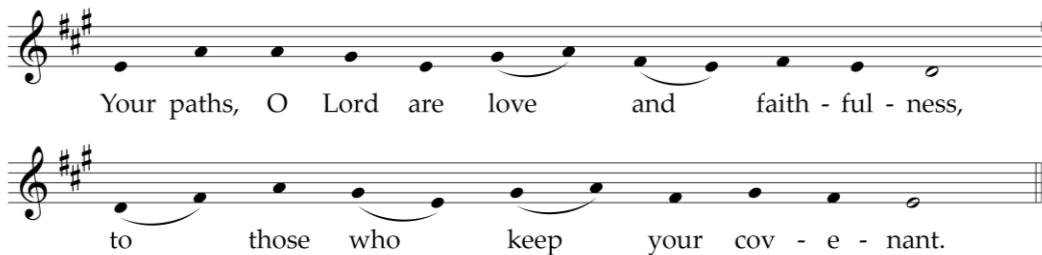
**G**od said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant 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. **Thanks be to God.**

### THE PSALM

Psalms 25:1-9

**Response** (*sung by choir, then by all*)



- 1 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.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. **Response**
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord,

and teach me your paths.

- 4 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.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 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.

*Response*

- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. *Response*

## THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:18-22

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. **Thanks be to God.**

## SEQUENCE HYMN (*Stanzas 1-4*) "The Glory of These Forty Days" ERHALT UNS, HERR



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we  
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the  
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -  
4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full  
\* 5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to



1 ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all  
 2 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,  
 3 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's  
 4 oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spi - rits strength - en  
 5 thee be - ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold



1 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
 2 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
 3 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
 4 with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.  
 5 Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

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

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

**T**hen Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,  
 but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

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

'He will command his angels concerning you,  
 and 'On their hands they will bear you up,  
 so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

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

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

## HOMILY

Fr. Tom Crittenden

### THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*A New Zealand Prayer Book*

You, O God, are supreme and holy.  
You create our world and give us life.  
You have always been with us.  
Your purpose overarches everything we do.  
You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous,  
good beyond all measure.  
You came to us before we came to you.  
You have fully revealed and proved  
your love for us in Jesus Christ,  
who lived and died and rose again.  
You are with us now.  
You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.  
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.  
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.  
You are God. We worship you.

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – FORM VI

*Reader*         In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence.*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Paula our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in the Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The people may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with us as we strive to renew the mission of your Grace Church as Christ's mission working through us in all that we do. Teach us to seek first your wisdom and glory.

Guide us to perceive what is your will, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it. Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

*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.  
Your gifts truly do continue the mission and ministries of Grace Church.*

*If you wish to give electronically, please scan the QR code  
or follow the link to our electronic giving platform.*



<http://www.gracehinsdale.org/give>

#### Offertory Anthem

“Call to Remembrance”

Richard Farrant (16<sup>th</sup> C.)

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercy and thy loving kindness 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)

#### Offertory Presentation

*Presider* All things come of thee, O Lord,  
*People* **and of thine own have we given thee.**



## The 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 who have little;  
you who have been here often  
and you who have not been here 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.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider* The Lord 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.

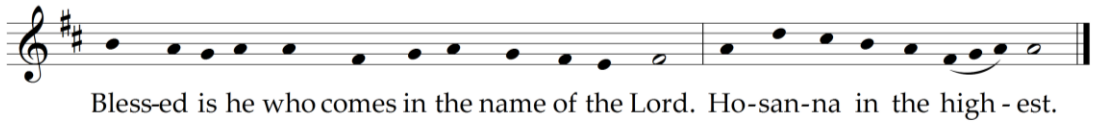
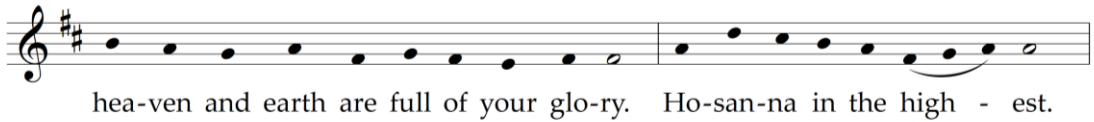
*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Presider* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:





*Presider*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All*

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

*Presider*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament,

and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ.

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

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

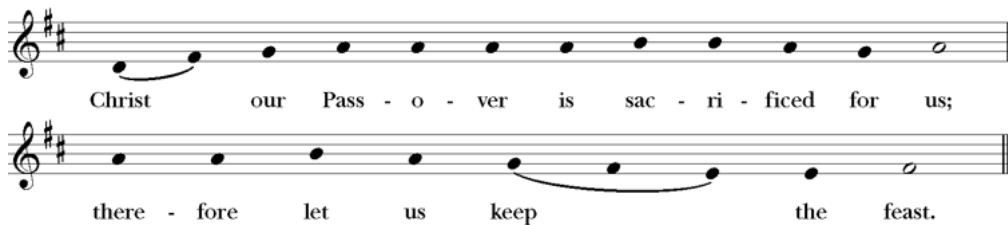
*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The bread is broken. Silence is kept.*

### Fraction Anthem

David Hurd



Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.

### The Invitation

*From a sermon by St. Augustine*

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

## THE COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive Communion, including children.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

*Those who prefer to receive a blessing may cross their arms over their chest.*

*You are invited to the Chapel to receive healing or other prayers for yourself or on behalf of others.*

### Communion Hymn

“From Ashes to the Living Font”

ST. FLAVIAN



- 1 From ash-es to the liv - ing font your Church must jour - ney, Lord,
- 2 Through fast-ing, prayer, and char - i - ty your voice speaks deep with - in,
- 3 From des-ert to the moun-tain-top in Christ our way we see,
- 4 From ash-es to the liv - ing font, your Church must jour - ney still,



bap - tized in grace, in grace re - newed by your most ho - ly word.  
re - turn - ing us to ways of truth and turn - ing us from sin.  
so, tem - pered by temp - ta - tion's might we might trans - fig - ured be.  
through cross and tomb to Eas - ter joy, in Spir - it - fire ful - filled.

## 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.**

## SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

*Presider* Let us pray.

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.**

## SENT FORTH TO THE WORLD

HYMN

“Restore in Us, O God”

SOUTHWELL



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love;  
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r;  
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy;  
4 Three - per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace,



re - new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.  
from fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring-time bud and flow'r.  
bap - tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.  
that we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

## THE DISMISSAL

*The presider offers a dismissal, to which 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.

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if you're here, you belong!*



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