



2021

The First Sunday in Lent

21 February 2021 AD

THE HOLY EUCHARIST *with Spiritual Communion*

Prelude

Silence *begins our worship in the Season of Lent*

Opening Hymn 142 “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

- 1 Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
- 2 As thou with Satan didst contend, and didst the victory win,
O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to conquer sin.
- 3 As thou didst hunger bear and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self, and chiefly live by thy most holy word.
- 4 And through these days of penitence, and through thy Passiontide,
yea, evermore, in life and death, Jesus! with us abide.
- 5 Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering overpast,
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last!

Opening Sentence

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People: ***You come to your people and set them free.***

Celebrant says the Collect for Purity *Prayer Book page in blue brackets [355]*

Hymn of Praise *The Trisagion sung thrice.*

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day [357]

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Priest: Let us pray. *The Celebrant prays the Collect of the Day.*

Lesson

A Reading from the Book of Genesis. [Genesis 9:8-17] *The Word of the Lord.*

[People: Thanks be to God.]

Gradual Psalm 25:1-9

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Epistle

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter. [1 Peter 3:18-22] *The Word of the Lord.*
[*People: Thanks be to God.*]

Sequence Hymn 150 “Forty Days and Forty Nights”

- 1 Forty days and forty nights thou wast fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled.
- 2 Should not we thy sorrow share and from worldly joys abstain,
fasting with unceasing prayer, strong with thee to suffer pain?
- 3 Then if Satan on us press, Jesus, Savior, hear our call!
Victor in the wilderness, grant we may not faint nor fall! . . .
- 5 Keep, O keep us, Savior dear, ever constant by thy side;
that with thee we may appear at the eternal Eastertide.

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. [People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*] [Mark 1:9-15] *The Gospel of the Lord.* [People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*]

The Sermon *silence for reflection follows the sermon*

The Nicene Creed

[[go to page 358 in the Prayer Book](#)]

Prayers of the People

The Leader concludes each petition: In Jesus’ name we pray.
And the People respond: **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

[360]

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be 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.

The Priest says

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 Peace *Reach out to someone to share God's peace.*

Offertory Sentence

Anthem

The Great Thanksgiving *Prayer D* [372]

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then the Celebrant continues the Great Thanksgiving until . . .

... to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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.***

Then the Celebrant continues until . . .

... we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

***We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.***

The Celebrant continues until . . .

... in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer [364]

The Breaking of the Bread [364]

Officiant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Invitation

Officiant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

After the priest takes the Body and Blood of our Lord, a time of Spiritual Communion is offered. Please offer this Prayer during the devotional music.

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to God, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul together, with all your faithful people gathered around every altar of your Church. Let me never be separated from you. Amen.

The Solemn Prayer *in place of the Blessing during Lent*

[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.*

Closing Hymn 401 “The God of Abraham Praise”

1 The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love;
the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed:
we bow and bless the sacred Name for ever blest.

2 He by himself hath sworn: we on his oath depend,
we shall, on eagles' wings upborne, to heaven ascend:
we shall behold his face, we shall his power adore,
and sing the wonders of his grace for evermore. . . .

4 The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing,
and “Holy, holy, holy,” cry, “Almighty King!
Who was, and is, the same, and evermore shall be:
eternal Father. great I AM, we worship thee.” . . .

The Dismissal *sends us into the world to love and serve our Savior*

Priest Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Mark's Church in Port Royal.

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