

# The First Sunday in Lent

21 February 2021, 8:30 a.m.

Middleham & St. Peter's Parish

P. O. Box 277, Lusby, MD 20657

The service will be live streamed from the Parish Hall. The Diocese of Maryland has suspended indoor worship until further notice due to the Coronavirus. The service will be available on the MSPP YouTube Channel and FaceBook.



## Liturgy of the Word

### Prelude

### The Great Litany

*Leader* O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

*Response* **Have mercy upon us.**

*Leader* O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

*Response* **Have mercy upon us.**

*Leader* O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,

*Response* **Have mercy upon us.**

*Leader* O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,

*Response* **Have mercy upon us.**

*Leader* Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us, for ever.

*Response* **Spare us, good Lord.**

*Leader* From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,

*Response* **Good Lord, deliver us.**

*Leader* From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

*Response* **Good Lord, deliver us.**

*Leader* From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

*Response* **Good Lord, deliver us.**

*Leader* From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

*Response* **Good Lord, deliver us.**

*Leader* From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,  
*Response* **Good Lord, deliver us.**

*Leader* From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,  
*Response* **Good Lord, deliver us.**

*Leader* By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,  
*Response* **Good Lord, deliver us.**

*Leader* By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,  
*Response* **Good Lord, deliver us.**

*Leader* In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,  
*Response* **Good Lord, deliver us.**

*Leader* We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,  
*Response* **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Leader* That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,  
*Response* **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Leader* That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,  
*Response* **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Leader* That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,  
*Response* **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Leader* That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,  
*Response* **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Leader* That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,  
*Response* **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Leader* That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,  
*Response* **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Leader* That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

*Response* **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Leader* That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

*Response* **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Leader* That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

*Response* **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Leader* That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

*Response* **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Leader* That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which you give us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

*Response* **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Leader* That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

*Response* **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Leader* That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

*Response* **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Leader* That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

*Response* **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Leader* That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

*Response* **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Leader* That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

*Response* **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Leader* That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

*Response* **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Leader* That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

*Response* **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Leader* That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

*Response* **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Leader* That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

*Response* **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Leader* That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

*Response* **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Leader* Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

*Response* **Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.**

*Leader* O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,

*Response* **Have mercy upon us.**

*Leader* O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,

*Response* **Have mercy upon us.**

*Leader* O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,

*Response* **Grant us thy peace.**

*Leader* O Christ, hear us.

*Response* **O Christ, hear us.**

*Leader* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Response* **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*Leader* Lord, have mercy upon us.

### **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* 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 Lessons

## A Reading from the book of Genesis (Genesis 9:8-17)

God 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."

*Reader*      The word of the Lord.

*Response*    **Thanks be to God.**

## 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.

## A Reading from the first letter of Peter (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.

*Reader*      The word of the Lord.

*Response*    **Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence Hymn

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,  
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?  
5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

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Music: *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*, melody att. Martin Herbst (1654-1681), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889) RiteSong

## The Gospel

*Reader*      **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (Mark 1:9-15)**

*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."

*Reader*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*Response*    **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

### **The Nicene Creed** (*Unison*)

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

# The Peace *Following the ancient custom we greet one another with signs of peace first saying*

*Priest* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

# LITURGY OF THE TABLE

## Eucharistic Prayer A

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## Offertory Hymn



1. Peace be - fore us, peace be - hind us, peace un - der our feet. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Love be - fore us, love be - hind us, love un - der our feet. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Light be - fore us, light be - hind us, light un - der our feet. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. God be - fore us, God be - hind us, God un - der our feet. \_\_\_\_\_



Peace with - in us, peace o - ver us, let all a - round us be peace. \_\_\_\_\_  
Love with - in us, love o - ver us, let all a - round us be love. \_\_\_\_\_  
Light with - in us, light o - ver us, let all a - round us be light. \_\_\_\_\_  
God with - in us, God o - ver us, let all a - round us be God. \_\_\_\_\_

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## The Great Thanksgiving

*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 God thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

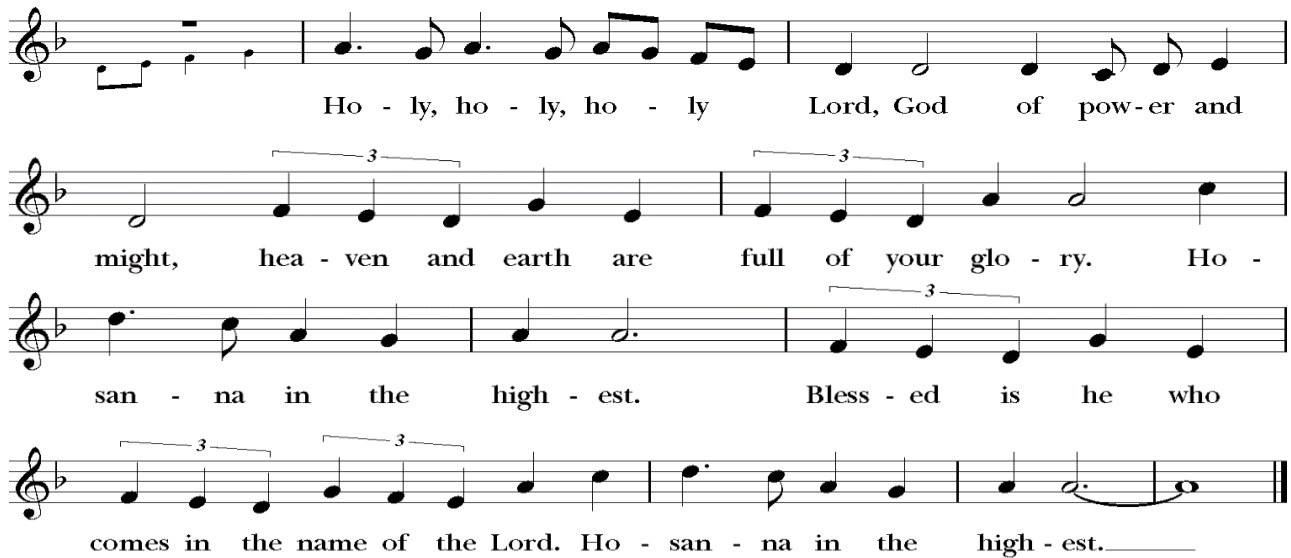
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:



## Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and 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.

RiteSong

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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.**

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

**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**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### **A Prayer for Spiritual Communion** (*Unison*)

**In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

### **Post Communion Prayer** (*Unison*)

**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.**

## **Benediction/Blessing**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn**

### Eternal Lord of Love



1. E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your Church,  
 2. So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,  
 3. If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,



Walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,  
 So dai - ly liv - ing to your way of love,  
 You the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;



Led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,  
 We walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,  
 And as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,



Moved by your love and t'ward your pres - ence bent:  
 Know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:  
 Glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flower,



Far off yet here the goal of all de - sire.  
 So we are dead and live with you in God.  
 So in the Fa - ther's glo - ry shall we wake.

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## **Dismissal**

*Leader* Go in Peace to Love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

## PARTICIPATING IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant	Father Beall
Lay Reader	Sally Ray
Altar Guild	Diane Davies
Acolyte	Lily Fuller
Pianist	Beth Lanier
Parish AV Crew:	Jim Yoe, Jimmy Yoe, Tom Briggs, Jack Briggs, Lochlan Weems, Jackson Broadus, Anne Hayes

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