

First Sunday in Lent

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Southwell"

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING HYM

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

ELW 504 (vv. 1, 3)

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| 1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal. | 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land
all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;
they cannot overpow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him. |
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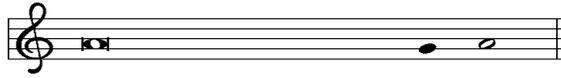
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GREETING

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



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

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."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 25:1-10

To you, O LORD,

I lift up my soul.

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

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

**Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**

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.

**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

Remember 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.

**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Return to the Lord

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:9-15

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

ELW 317

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| 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your word;
curb those who by deceit or sword
would wrest the kingdom from your Son
and bring to naught all he has done. | 2 Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make
known,
for you are Lord of lords alone;
defend your holy church, that we
may sing your praise eternally. |
| 3 O Comforter of priceless worth,
send peace and unity on earth;
support us in our final strife
and lead us out of death to life. | |

(Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt. Music: J. Klug, Geistliche Lieder, 1543)

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each petition Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

PEACE The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING PRAYER

Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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, forever and ever. Amen.

(The elements that are consecrated in the service will be distributed after the service beginning at 11:30 am in drive-up style in the church parking lot.)

SENDING

BLESSING

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you ✝ that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

ELW 326

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| 1 | Bless now, O God, the journey
that all your people make,
the path through noise and silence,
the way of give and take.
The trail is found in desert
and winds the mountain round,
then leads beside still waters,
the road where faith is found. | 2 | Bless sojourners and pilgrims
who share this winding way;
your hope burns through the terrors,
your love sustains the day.
We yearn for holy freedom
while often we are bound;
together we are seeking
the road where faith is found. |
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- 3 Divine eternal lover,
 you meet us on the road.
 We wait for land of promise
 where milk and honey flow,
 but waiting not for places,
 you meet us all around.
 Our covenant is written
 on roads, as faith is found.

(Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993; Music: Welsh tune, 19th cent. Text © 1991 GIA Publications, Inc.)

Announcements

- **Join us online for our Midweek Evening Prayer Service beginning 12 noon each Wednesday during Lent. (2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17 and 3/24)**
- **We will continue to live stream our worship services at 10 am on our YouTube Channel at <https://bit.ly/3nzgAWy> but services will be available any time after the live streaming.**
- **We are suspending in-person worship until further notice.**



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in honor of Norma Weber's 78th birthday by Joan Swank.

We are taking altar flower dedications for 2021. The dates available are: March 7th and 21st, April 4th, 11th and 18th, May 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd, June 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th, July 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th.



Altar Guild is taking orders for Easter Plants. The order form may be found in the monthly newsletter, the weekly email and in the church office. Orders are due by Sunday, March 7th.

Our Confirmation Class will be completing some service projects during the next couple of months. One of their projects will be making cat and dog toys to donate to local animal shelters. Items needed are: baby socks (new or gently used – any colors/patterns), 2” foam balls (slightly larger than a golf ball), catnip, adult size cotton t-shirts (any colors –cotton on please – gently used are fine), adult tube-size socks (any color – new please) and tennis balls. We need all donations by the end of February.



The church directories have been distributed to those who were photographed. We purchased a few additional copies for anyone who might like to have a copy. They are available for a monetary donation.

Our clothing shed is open. All donations must be bagged. Acceptable donations are: All clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes, and stuffed toys. Thanks for your cooperation!



 Are you doing any online shopping? If so, support St. John's when you shop. Go to: smile.amazon.com/ch/52-6012034 and Amazon donates to Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Parkville Inc

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Postlude on "The Glory of These Forty Days"* *Matthew McConnell*
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Prayer List



Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Betty Hedgespeth, Cass Tracey, June Franz, Larry Addison, Tammie Lindsay, Janet Roth, Juliana Hastings, Robert Scott, Richard Bauer, Lee Krieger, Suzanne Lindsay, Patty Schwab, Tom & Marion McDonough, Ardi Scarborough, Gerry Steg, Kathi Peck, Bett Murphy, Vickie Jasinski, and Cynthia Kraemer

For family & friends: Jessica Collett, Elizabeth Brooks, John Miller, Norma Weber, Karen Alban, John & Jean Bartenfelder, Kathy Thompson, Larry & Mary Tuley, Doug Adams, Linda Asplin, Robert Scott, Jr., Robert Scott, III, Dale Miller, Pam Harmen, Delphine Peck, Jessi Powers, Margaret Iovino, Bill Johnson, Karen Ehrenberg, Randy Powell, Linda Fliegel, Cheryl Aydelotte, and Mary Jo Rother

For the military and their families: Jacob Verble, Lance Corporal Justin Ferro, Sgt. Stephen Peck, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, Chaplain A. J. Striffler and all those in harm's way

For those grieving family & friends of: Bill Carroll, Bill Eubert and William Alt

For St. John's Caring Friends: Trudy Anderson, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Gladys Downs, Margaret Eubert, Betty Glassband, Betty Hedgespeth, Leroy Hohne, Philip Kramer, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Patrick O'Connell, Ann Powell, Arthur Pulket, Mary Ann Reek, Patricia Sollanek, Cass Tracey, Emma Volz, Doris Warfield, and Clara Westphal