

# THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 21, 2021

Prelude

“Prelude in C minor BWV 543

J.S. Bach

Hymn #150

“Forty days and forty nights”

*Aus der tiefe ruft ich*

*Verses 1, 2 and 3 only*

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.

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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

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

### Summary of the Law

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your 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 commandment greater than these."

*Mark 12:29-31*

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

*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.*

*Kyrie* "O Lord Have Mercy"

O Lord - have mer - cy. O Lord - have mer - cy.  
5  
O Christ have mer - cy. O Christ have mer - cy. O Lord have  
10  
mer - cy. O Lord have mer - - - - cy.

### Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*All* *And also with you.*

*Presider* Let us pray.

*All* *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

### First Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

A Reading from Genesis.

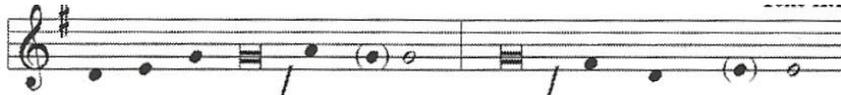
God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant 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* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

### Psalm 25:1-9

### Tone II.1



*Please sing only one pitch on underlined syllables.*

#### 1 Cantor

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 All

Let none who look to you be put to / shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed / in their schemes.

#### 3 Cantor

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

#### 4 All

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 Cantor**

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

**6 All**

Remember not the sins of my youth and my trans/gressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your / goodness, O LORD.

**7 Cantor**

Gracious and upright /is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners / in his way.

**8 All**

He guides the humble in / doing right \*  
and teaches his way / to the lowly.

**8 Cantor**

All the paths of the LORD are love and / faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his / testimonies.

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22**

A Reading from First Peter.

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.

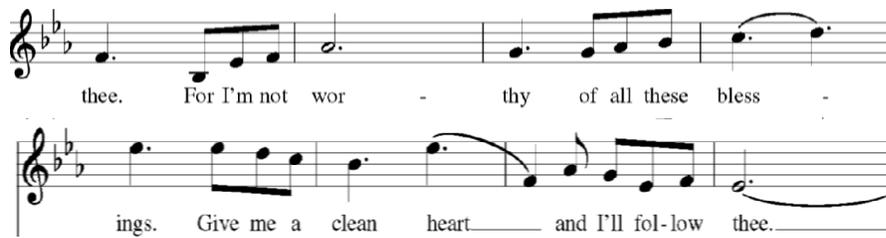
*Reader* Hear what the spirit is saying to God’s people.

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

**Sequence Hymn: LEVAS #124** “Give me a clean heart” Margaret J. Douroux

Give me a clean heart so I may serve

Thee. Lord, fix my heart so that I may be used by



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### **Gospel Reading: Mark 1:9-15**

*Presider* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*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.”

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon** The Rev. Eric Biddy

**Nicene Creed** *Said by all.*

***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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.*

### **Prayers of the People**

*Presider*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Leader*

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 Paula, Julio, and Joseph; for Kendall and Mary Kay, and for all bishops and other ministers;

*For all who serve God in the Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation including **Sylvia, Nancy, Jeremy, Nick and Sherry, Kevin, David, Liam, M'Siah, Dan and Chris, Richard** (Martin), **Eunice** (Lewis), **Laura** (Rabb, Carla Bukalski's sister-in-law), **Bob** (Wyatt), **Devin, Steven** (Titiner, friend of Katie Kearns), **Destini and Perryman Families**; and for others we now name . . . . . *Amen.*

Hear us, Lord;

*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life including the birthdays this week of **Mary Jean Jones** (2/22), **Katherine Spittle** (2/22), **Kevin Wallach** (2/22), **Carla Bukalski** (2/25), **Kevin Maas** (2/25), **Barbara Nurse** (2/26); we remember **Ivan Powers** (2/25); and other blessings we now name . . . . . *Amen.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died; including **Jim** (Dexter) and others we now name . . . that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*Who put their trust in you.*

*Presider* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

## **The Peace**

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* *And also with you.*

*All greet one another in the name of Christ.*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

Hymn #449

“O love how deep, how broad, how high”

*Deo gracias*

*Verses 1 and 2 only*



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
 4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in  
 5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
 2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
 3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and  
 4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
 5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his  
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
 2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.  
 3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
 4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
 5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

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**THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Eucharistic Prayer 1**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* ***We lift them up to the Lord.***

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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***Sung by all*

David Hurd

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.

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*The people stand or kneel. The Presider continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Presider and People*

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

*The Presider continues:*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we long for the day when we can again share the bread and wine together. Until that day, remind us that every meal is holy and that your Son awaits an invitation to our table. Though we cannot receive the body of Christ, send your Holy Spirit upon us that we might be the Body of Christ in our homes and in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Christopher and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*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.*

*Silence*

**An Act of Spiritual Communion**

*The People pray together the following*

*God of infinite mercy,  
We thank you for Jesus our Savior, our true Mother  
Who feeds us and gives us eternal life.  
Though we cannot consume the gifts of bread and wine,  
We thank you that we have received the sacrament of Christ's presence,*

*The forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion.  
Grant that we may continue for ever in the Risen Life of our Savior,  
Who with you and the Holy Spirit,  
Lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

*Silence, and then the People join in this prayer:*

*Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with your Word and living presence among us.  
and for assuring us  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

### Solemn Prayer over the People

*Presider* Bow down before the Lord.

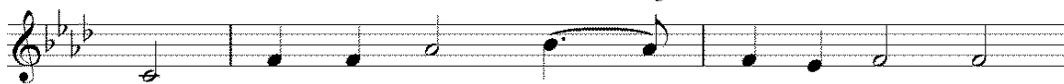
Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Hymn #147

“Now let us all with one accord”

*Bourbon*

*Verses 1 and 3 only*



1	Now	let	us	all	with	one	ac - cord,	in
2	The	cov - e - nant,	so	long	re - vealed	to		
3	Your	love, O Lord,	our	sin - ful	race	has		
4	Re - mem - ber,	Lord,	though	frail	we be,	in		
5	There - fore,	we	pray	you,	Lord,	for - give;	so	



1	com - pa - ny	with	a - ges	past,	keep	vi - gil	with	our
2	those	of	faith	in	for - mer	time,	Christ	by
3	not	re - turned,	but	fal - si - fied;	au - thor	of	mer - cy,	
4	your	own	i - mage	were	we	made;	help	us,
5	when	our	wan - derings	here	shall	cease,	we	may



1 heaven - ly Lord in his temp - ta - tion and his fast.  
2 am - ple sealed, the Lord of love, in love sub - lime.  
3 turn your face and grant re - pent - ance for our pride.  
4 i - e - ty, we cause your Name to be be - trayed.  
5 ev - er live, in love and u - ni - ty and peace.

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## Dismissal

*Presider* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

## Serving Today

### Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

Psalm: Psalm 25:1-9

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

### 8AM Lectors

1st Reading: Marilyn Huebel

Psalm: Katie Kearns

2nd Reading: Marilyn Huebel

### Prayers of the People

Katie Kearns

### Voice of the People

Jack Cosby

### 11 AM Lectors

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Kelly Clissold

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Don Gillies

### Prayers of the People

Jenn Urso

### Voice of the People

Laura Kliewer

### Altar Guild

Deb Maue

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