



# The First Sunday in Lent

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church

February 21, 2021

## The Word of God

**Celebrant** Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
**People** His mercy endures for ever.

### Collect for Purity

**Celebrant** Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### Song of Praise

*Kyrie Eleison*

### 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 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."

*After the Reading, the Reader says* The Word of the Lord

**People**      **Thanks be to God**

## Psalm

*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.

## 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.

*After the Reading, the Reader says* The Word of the Lord

**People** Thanks be to God

## The Gospel Reading

*Mark 1:9-15*

*Before proclaiming the Gospel, the Priest says*

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."

*After the Gospel, the Priest says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

## The Nicene Creed

**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: 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 worshipped 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 Prayers of the People Form I

*After each bidding, you may offer your own prayers aloud.*

**Leader** With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader** For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader** For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader** For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader** For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader** For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader** For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader** For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader** For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader** For \_\_\_\_\_, let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader** For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader** For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader** For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader** For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader** That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader** Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader** In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

**All** To you, O Lord our God.

*A concluding prayer is said by the priest*

*Adapted from the BCP*

## **Confession and Absolution**

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

**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.

**Celebrant** 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 Lord's Prayer

All

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

**Blessing**

**Closing Song**

*Love Divine All Loves*

*Excelling*

**Dismissal**

## Announcements

### Birthdays this month

1st: Norah Lindsey Jackson  
 3rd: Charlotte Noel  
 4th: Carolyn Deakins  
 5th: Natalie Buckner  
 6th: Robert Brown  
 9th: Tommy Smith  
 10th: Belinda King  
 11th: Charlie Duesterhoft  
 13th: Andrew Duncalfe  
 14th: George Noel  
 15th: Jessica Sanders  
 15th: Sarah Watson  
 16th: Wanda Ellis  
 28th: Jonathan Roberts

### Easter Flowers

If you would like to purchase Easter Lilies or Azaleas for Easter Sunday, **April 4, 2021** please pick up and fill out the form in the entryway of the church. Place your check noted "Easter Lilies" or "Azaleas" and the form in the offering plate. Please print legibly. Suggested Donation: Lilies \$10.00 & Azaleas \$15.00

### Longview Community Ministries

They are the principal organization in Longview that helps people with all sorts of emergency services, including food. They have asked us to help by donating canned fruits and vegetables during this season when food bank donations are down, and the need for services has increased. We will have a basket in the Narthex for ongoing donations. Please donate if you are able.

## This Sunday's Servers

**Danny's Team:** Frank Supercinski  
**Greeter:** Susan Kuhlman  
**Lector:** Mary Lynn Dawes  
**Sound Board:** Harrison Brown  
**Ushers:** David Brown  
**Vestry People:** Andy Sanders, David Brown  
**Worship Tech:** Amy Brown

## Prayer Requests

### Healing For:

- Troy
- Aaron, Roni, & Keith
- Lorraine
- Pete & Margie

To submit a prayer request, fill out the back of the information sheet in the pew and place it in the offering. Or, send an email with your request to: [prayer@smaalongview.org](mailto:prayer@smaalongview.org)

**\*\* Emailed prayer requests are received by all who've signed up for the SMAA prayer chain. This community of prayer is committed to holding up our needs and thanksgivings to God whenever they are shared. TO JOIN IN THIS IMPORTANT MINISTRY, JUST SEND A REQUEST TO SMAA@SMAALONGVIEW.ORG ASKING TO BE A PART OF THE PRAYER CHAIN. \*\***

## Stewardship Update

DATE	GIVING	BUDGET	ABOVE/BELOW
01/17/21	\$2,080	\$2,946	-\$866
01/24/21	\$1,190	\$2,946	-\$1,756
01/31/21	\$995	\$2,946	-\$1,951
02/07/21	\$7,930	\$2,946	\$4,984
02/14/21	\$1,619	\$2,946	-\$1,327
YTD TOTALS	\$20,544	\$20,625	-\$81

## NEXT Sunday's Servers (02/28)

**Danny's Team:** Mary Lynn Dawes  
**Greeter:** Catherine White  
**Lector:** Helen Daniel  
**Sound Board:** Jonathan Roberts  
**Ushers:** Jerry Ritchie  
**Vestry People:** Amy Brown, Andy Sanders  
**Worship Tech:** Amy Brown

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