

The First Sunday in Lent



21 February 2021
A Morning Service
10:00 am

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Morning Prayer: Rite I

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The Opening Rite

Voluntary Meditation

Richard Lloyd

The Great Litany

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,
Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,
Have mercy upon us.

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.
Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,
Good Lord, deliver us.

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

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

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submis-
sion to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy pre-
cious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and
by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,
Good Lord, deliver us.

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

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,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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

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

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,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred,
and are deceived,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and dili-
gently to live after thy commandments,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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,

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 peo-
ples,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Grant us thy peace.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Lessons

The First Lesson

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.”

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Canticle 14 A Song of Penitence

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O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, *
God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,
and of all their righteous offspring:
You made the heavens and the earth, *
with all their vast array.
All things quake with fear at your presence; *
they tremble because of your power.
But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; *
it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.
O Lord, you are full of compassion, *
long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.
You hold back your hand; *
you do not punish as we deserve.
In your great goodness, Lord,
you have promised forgiveness to sinners, *
that they may repent of their sin and be saved.
And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, *
and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.
I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, *
and I know my wickedness only too well.
Therefore I make this prayer to you: *
Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.

Do not let me perish in my sin, *
nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.
For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, *
and in me you will show forth your goodness.
Unworthy as I am, you will save me,
in accordance with your great mercy, *
and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.
For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, *
and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

The Epistle

Hymn #142

St. Flavian

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.

As thou with Satan didst contend, and didst the victory win,
O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to conquer sin.

As thou didst hunger bear and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self, and chiefly live by thy most holy word.

And through these days of penitence, and through thy Passiontide,
yea, evermore, in life and death, Jesus! with us abide.

Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering overpast,
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last!

Words: Claudia Frances Hernaman (1838-1898)

Music: St. Flavian, melody from Day's Psalter, 1562; adapt, and harm.

Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

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The Third Lesson

Mark 1:9-15

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.”

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The Sermon

The Reverend Debbie Phillips

The Apostles' Creed

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I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Supplication

V. From our enemies defend us, O Christ;
R. Graciously behold our afflictions.
V. With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;
R. Mercifully forgive the sins of thy people.
V. Favorably with mercy hear our prayers;
R. O Son of David, have mercy upon us.
V. Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ;
R. Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

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 Offertory Hymn #150

Aus der Tiefe rufe ich

Forty days and forty nights thou wast fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled.

Should not we thy sorrow share and from worldly joys abstain,
fasting with unceasing prayer, strong with thee to suffer pain?

Then if Satan on us press, Jesus, Savior, hear our call!
Victor in the wilderness, grant we may not faint nor fall!

So shall we have peace divine: holier gladness ours shall be;
round us, too, shall angels shine, such as ministered to thee.

Keep, O keep us, Savior dear, ever constant by thy side;
that with thee we may appear at the eternal Eastertide.

Words: George Hunt Smyttan (1822-1870), alt.

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

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The Concluding Rite

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in thy Son's Name: We beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ear to us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant that those things which we have asked faithfully according to thy will, may be obtained effectually, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Concluding Sentence

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Voluntary Aria

Brian Sullivan

Worship Leaders

The Reverend Deborah Phillips

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Parish Prayer List

Barbara Strom, recovering from surgery

Roberta, in hospice.

Kristin Gourley, on her cancer diagnosis, that she made find healing and find the inner peace she seeks.

John and Emily, as they welcome their new baby into their lives.

Family of Bill Morgan as they grieve

Linda Whalen

Bob Peterson

Nancy Brown

Brian Peterson

Robert Squillaro

Jenny

Deb Papps

Derek Fuller and Family

Mary Knutsen

Salem Public Schools

If you have prayer requests, please email regathering@gracechurchsalem.org by Tuesday at noon for publication in that week's e-news. Your request will remain on the list until Easter unless you ask to have it removed.

Walking the Way of Lent

This year during Lent we hope to focus our habits of praying and fasting in an intentional way with a focus on anti-racism work. Lent is a time for introspection, confession, fasting, listening, learning, and praying. Though we cannot physically be together during this time we can join each other in corporate worship, prayer, fasting, and listening. We continue to focus our intentions and attention to the work of dismantling white supremacy and learning more about the work of becoming anti-racist.

To that end we invite you to join us as we focus each week on a prompt to guide our thinking, praying, and listening. Each week, a particular fast, prayer, and action are suggested. We hope that you will take this opportunity to deepen your own spiritual life and the collective spiritual life of our parish.

We encourage you to use your Book of Common Prayer as individuals and families. Praying the daily office or the abbreviated version of daily devotions can be a great place to start. Paired with these resources here we can all commit together to a prayerful Lent. During Eastertide we will continue our antiracism work together as we embark on the next series of cottage meetings. We look forward in Hope.

Week One

How would your Christian identity be different today if you had been taught explicitly that Jesus was not white? How can you move toward that identity of loving and accepting Jesus as a person of color?

Prayer

Pray the Lord's Prayer

The Collect

Strengthen us, O Lord, by your grace, that in your might we may overcome all spiritual enemies, and with pure hearts serve you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Study

Mark 1:12-13: 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.

What word is speaking to you this day? Why might that be?

Confession

Confess the times you have made Jesus in your own image and ignored the presence of Christ in others.

Fasting

Remove from your home any images or icons that depict Jesus as white.

Action

Use a black icon or image of Jesus to guide you in your prayers and meditations. One will be shared on Facebook, Instagram, and in the e-newsletter, *Gracenotes*.

Observing Lent Together: Hope

This Lent, we will be living into Christian hope together. Rather than a wish list, or a future dream, we believe hope is confidence. We are confident that there is newness and fullness of life. Hope is being certain that Christ will come again to make all things new. We are convinced that God's holy purpose for the world will be complete. If we begin our lives confident in the promises made and already fulfilled on our behalf, we approach life differently than others.

This Lent, we will refocus on hope. Each week, a member of the parish will offer a reflection on how hope relates to and impacts their lives and then we are invited to consider the same.

Let us take this time to grow together in our hope of God's love.

Results of Annual Meeting

Everyone went above and beyond with the pancake decorating contest. Everyone was a winner!!! The reports were received and the Budget and the slate of candidates were approved by unanimous vote. Thank you to everyone for your input during the discussion period and for all who serve God at Grace Church.

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