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The First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prayer on entering church: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

In Your Mercy, Think On Me

Richard A. Williamson

RINGING OF THE BELLS/ WELCOME

OPENING HYMN (*please rise and sing*)

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

Hymnal p. 418

O Lord, throughout these forty days

You prayed and kept the fast;

Inspire repentance for our sin,

And free us from our past.

You strove with Satan, and You won;

Your faithfulness endured;

Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust

In God's eternal Word.

Though parched and hungry, yet You prayed

And fixed Your mind above;

So teach us to deny ourselves,

Since we have known God's love.

Be with us through this season, Lord,

And all our earthly days,

That when the final Easter dawns,

We join in heaven's praise.

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CONGREGATIONAL GREETINGS

INVOCATION

The sign of the cross (†) may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism

P: In the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION¹

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in

prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

(We take a moment of silence before the Lord as we call to mind how we have not properly loved Him, ourselves, or other people.)

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

KYRIE

P: Heavenly Father, Your only begotten Son overcame Satan, sin, and death by His patience and suffering. Help us, we pray, to treasure in our hearts all that our Lord has borne for us that we would be inspired to patiently persevere in true faith unto life everlasting.

C: *(sung)* Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the Promised Land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your

Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 26:1–11

L: The first reading for the First Sunday in Lent is from chapter twenty-six of Deuteronomy.

*God's people recall His mighty deliverance from the slavery of Egypt
into the land of promise.*

Following the reading...

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

On Eagles Wings

Hymnal p. 727

**You who dwell in the shadow of His wings,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: 'My refuge,
My God in whom I trust!'**

**(Chorus) And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.**

**The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear:**

**Under His wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield. (Chorus)**

**You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come. (Chorus)**

**For to His angels He's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone. (*Chorus*)**

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SECOND READING

Romans 10:8b–13

L: The second reading is from chapter ten of Romans.

*The Word of the Lord is always near us, and all who call on the name of the Lord
shall be saved.*

Following the reading...

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 4:1–13

P: The Holy Gospel is according to St. Luke, chapter four.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Our Lord is tempted by Satan in the wilderness.

Following the reading...

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED²

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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Hymnal p. 656

A mighty fortress is our God, a trusty Shield and Weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need that hath us now o'ertaken.

The old evil foe now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.

With might of ours can naught be done, soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.

Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord, And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.

Through devils all the world should fill, all eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill; they shall not overpow'r us.

This world's prince may still scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.

The Word they still shall let remain nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain with His good gifts and Spirit.

And take they our life, goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone, our vict'ry has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

SERMON³

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

VOLUNTARY

Once He Came In Blessing

Ronald A. Nelson

On My Heart Imprint your Image

**On my heart imprint Your image, Blessed Jesus, King of grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures Never may Your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's foundation, And my glory and salvation!**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for ourselves, the church, and the world.

Following each petition:

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Jesus Lead Thou On

Hymnal p.718

Jesus, lead Thou on till our rest is won.
And although the way be cheerless,
We will follow calm and fearless.
Guide us by Thy hand to our fatherland.
If the way be drear, if the foe be near,
Let not faithless fears o'er take us;
Let not faith and hope forsake us;
For through many a woe to our home we go.
When we seek relief from a long-felt grief,
When temptations come alluring,
Make us patient and enduring.
Show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
Jesus, lead Thou on till our rest is won.
Heav'nly leader, still direct us,
Still support, console, protect us,
Till we safely stand in our fatherland.

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Prayer after worship: Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Forty Days and Forty Nights

Christopher J. Hoh

¹*The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."* John 20:22-23. We take heart that the absolution proclaimed by the pastor is as from the Lord Himself.

²*It is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.* Romans 10:10. Our response to the Word of God that has just been read is our confession of faith in the one, true, triune God.

³Martin Luther teaches us about hearing the Word: "Know, therefore, that you must be concerned not only about hearing, but also about learning and retaining it in memory, and do not think that it is optional with you or of no great importance, but that it is God's commandment, who will require of you how you have heard, learned, and honored His Word." (Large Catechism) *Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!* Luke 11:28

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