

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."



Noahs Dankgebet. Domenico Morelli, 19th Century.

The Psalm

Psalm 25:1-9

Ad te, Domine, levavi

- 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.

Said together:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Lesson

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.

Hymn

Christ, when for us you were baptized

H 121

Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:9-15

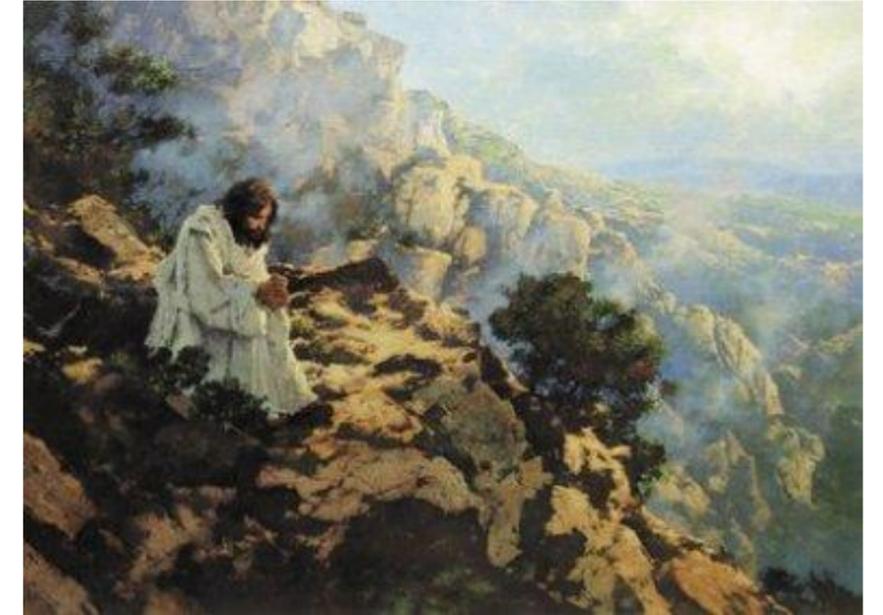
In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven,

"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."



Christ in the Wilderness. Artist unknown.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Written about 325 AD, this is the ancient statement of our faith

Prayers of the People V

BCP 389

We pray together as the people of God

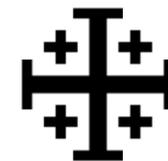
Confession & Absolution

BCP 360

We confess our sins and are reassured of our pardon

The Peace

We share the joy of the Good News!



The Liturgy of the Eucharist, sometimes called *the Mass*

Offertory

Behold The Saviour of Mankind

Lovelace

Presentation of Gifts and Tithes

*O Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
to thee be every prayer addressed,
who art in three-fold Name adored,
from age to age, the only Lord*

from H 143, v. 5

Eucharistic Prayer “C” BCP 369
Sanctus Words in BCP, Musical Setting H-S129
The Lord’s Prayer Traditional version, found on BCP 364
Agnus Dei H-S 161
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

All baptized Christians, of any tradition, are welcome to receive the sacrament. It is the tradition of this parish that 12 to 14 people at a time receive Communion at the altar rail, at which point all are dismissed together to return to their seats, and another group may move forward to the rail. Gluten free wafers are available to those who request them.

Communion Hymns

Strengthen for service, Lord H 312
O saving Victim, opening wide H 311
O Love How Deep, How Long, How High H 448

Our Prayer after Communion BCP 366

Hymn *Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us* H 559

The Dismissal

We are dismissed from this gathering to go into the world to spread the Good News and the love of Christ! We respond to this instruction with: *Thanks be to God!*

Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Rob Merritt. This is a time for us to have fellowship, share our joys and sorrows, and get to know one another. It is very much an extension of the communal feast we share in the Holy Eucharist. Please join us.

Participants in Today’s Liturgy

Acolyte John Allen Macon Clement
Lectors Bea Paine Teresa Paine
Chalicians Teresa Paine Don Williams
Altar Guild Kay Sudduth Elizabeth Sudduth

Attendance Last Sunday 55

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Dorene Dimes—Wanda Myers—Bonnie Taylor—Joe Sanders--Marlene—Lee Puckett, Sr.—Phyllis & Nelson Walker—Linda—Valerie Mahood—Edi—Sierra—Alex B.—Toni R.—Linda Sydeski—Joan—Ragen—Marion Lowe—Jared Cregger—Peyton Cline and family—Kerrigan Farmer

Birthdays This Week:

Denise Melvin, Jim Pulse, Margaret Marra, and Rick Wilkinson

Calendar of Events

Tuesday – February 20 DOK Meeting 10:30
 Wednesday – February 21 ECW lunch 12pm at David’s Downtown
 Wednesday – February 21 Lenten Dinner 6pm Carry in
 Wednesday – February 28 Lenten Dinner 6pm Catered by David’s Downtown

Announcements:

ECW Lunch: The Episcopal Church Women will meet at David’s on Wednesday, February 21st at noon. Please make plans to join us for fellowship and lunch. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex; so please sign up so we can make reservations.

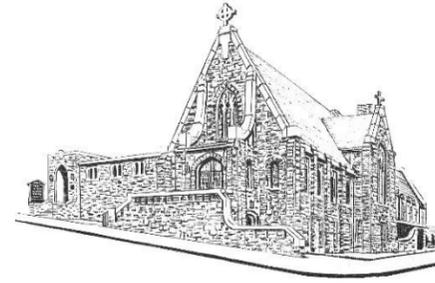
Lenten Dinner: This year’s theme will be on Christian spirituality and mindfulness, led by Dr. Assaad Mounzer. Dinner will be carry in or catered as announced. Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring a friend!

Lent Madness: It’s that time of year again! Get your copy of the 2018 Sainly Scorecard at the Usher’s Table in the Narthex. Read the short biographies of the saints each day and vote for your favorite at www.lentmadness.org. Who will win this year’s Golden Halo?



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the Rev. Chad Slater Rector of Christ Church
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February 18, 2018

The First Sunday of Lent

Welcome to this Place of Prayer

If you are new or visiting this congregation for the first time we invite you to fill out a Visitor’s Card (found on the rack in front of you) and place it in the collect plate as it is passed. We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today and hope that you will continue your faith journey here.

This bulletin will help guide you through today’s service. The abbreviation “H” stands for “Hymnal.” This is the larger red book located on the shelf in front of you. That music noted as “H-S” followed by a number is service music, and is found in the very first pages of the Hymnal. “BCP” is our abbreviation for “Book of Common Prayer,” which is the smaller red book.

The Liturgy of the Word

Hymn *Forty days and forty nights* H 150

The Reading of the Decalogue BCP 350

During Lent we are reminded of God’s Law, as symbolized by the Ten Commandments. Following the reading of each of the Commandments, please respond with, *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

The Trisagion H-S 102

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

The Collect *Our collective prayer for the day.*

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.*