

# The First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026

10:30 a.m.



*St. Peter's by-the-Lake*

The Very Rev. Carol Mead  
Rector

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Procession into the Church*

*Eternal Lord of Love*

**Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church  
walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent,  
led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,  
moved by your love and toward your presence bent:  
far off yet here the goal of all desire.**

**So daily dying to the way of self,  
so daily living to your way of love,  
we walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod,  
knowing ourselves baptized into your death:  
so we are dead and live with you in God.**

**If dead in you, so in you we arise,  
you the first born of all the faithful dead;  
and as through stony ground the green shoots break,  
glorious in springtime dress of leaf and flower,  
so in the Father's glory shall we wake.**

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

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

*The Kyrie*

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.  
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

*The Collect of the Day*

Celebrant        The Lord be with you.  
People            **And also with you.**  
Celebrant        Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect of the day.

*The First Reading:* Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

                          The Word of the Lord.  
People            **Thanks be to God.**

*The Response:* Psalm 32

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 **Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, \***  
**and in whose spirit there is no guile!**
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \***  
**my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  
and did not conceal my guilt.

**6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." \***  
**Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; \*  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

**8 You are my hiding-place;**  
**you preserve me from trouble; \***  
**you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; \*  
I will guide you with my eye.

**10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \***  
**who must be fitted with bit and bridle,**  
**or else they will not stay near you."**

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \*  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

**12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; \***  
**shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

**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.**

*The Epistle: Romans 5:12-19*

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Hymn*

*Forty Days and Forty Nights  
verses 1—3 before the Gospel*

**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!**

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*The Gospel:* Matthew 4:1-11

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'  
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The Sermon* - The Very Rev. Carol Mead

*The Nicene Creed*

**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 worshiped 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.**

*Prayers of the People: Lent*

As we experience this season of Lent, a time of reflection and preparation, we pray to God to teach and transform us through our practices, our thoughts, and our community.

For peace and patience—in our hearts and in the world around us—in the face of anxiety and turmoil:

**Come, O Lord, and calm us.**

For Sean, our presiding bishop, Dorothy our bishop, Carol our priest, and for all who minister in the name of Christ:

**Come, O Lord, and shape us.**

For the leaders and members of all churches, as we prepare once again to recall, and be changed by the sacrificial events of Christ's Passion:

**Come, O Lord, and sanctify us.**

For the leaders of our nation and in the world, that all work diligently to organize government to best enable us to love God and love neighbor:

**Come, O Lord, enlighten us.**

For wisdom in understanding what forms us spiritually so that we know what to set aside and what to embrace:

**Come, O Lord and strengthen us.**

For each person in this season of penitence, that we acknowledge all that we have done and left undone to interfere with our relationship with God:

**Come, O Lord, encourage us.**

For persons struggling to forgive, that they may know the freedom of letting go of past hurts:

**Come, O Lord, reassure us.**

For all persons who suffer from addiction or are otherwise afflicted in body, mind or spirit.

**Come, O Lord, and heal us.**

Joining our voices with all the saints, angels, and people of God, in this Lenten season let us offer ourselves and our gifts to the living God through Christ:

**To you, O Lord.**

*The Celebrant adds a collect.*

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.**

*The Absolution*

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.**

Celebrant      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

*Offertory*

*Presentation of our Gifts*

*The Doxology*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

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*The Great Thanksgiving*  
*Eucharistic Prayer B*

Celebrant      The Lord be with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**  
Celebrant      Lift up your hearts.  
*People*        **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Celebrant      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*        **It is right to give him 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:

*The Sanctus*

*Hymnal S-130*



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might,



ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might,



heaven and earth are full, full of your glo-ry. Ho-



san-na in the high-est, 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, ho-sanna in the high-est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Peter and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

*The Breaking of the Bread*

*People* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Fraction Anthem

*In unison*



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world,  
have mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God,  
that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Communion Hymns

*Sanctuary*

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
pure and holy, tried and true;  
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

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*Refiner's Fire*

**Purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver.  
Purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold.**

**Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire  
is to be holy, set apart for you, Lord.  
I choose to be holy,  
set apart for you, my master, ready to do your will.**

**Purify my heart, cleanse me from within and make me holy.  
Purify my heart, cleanse me from my sin, deep within.**

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*Be Thou My Vision*

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
all else be nought to me, save that thou art --  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord;  
thou my great Father; thine own may I be;  
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.**

**High King of heaven, when victory is won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O ruler of all.**

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*Postcommunion Hymn*

*Lamb Of God*

**Your only Son, no sin to hide,  
but You have sent Him from Your side,  
to walk upon this guilty sod,  
and to become the Lamb of God. *refrain***

*refrain*      **O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God!  
O wash me in His precious Blood  
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

**Your gift of love, they crucified,  
they laughed and scorned Him as He died,  
the humble King they named a fraud  
and sacrificed the Lamb of God. *refrain***

**I was so lost, I should have died,  
but You have brought me to Your side,  
to be led by Your staff and rod,  
and to be called a lamb of God. *refrain***

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*Postcommunion Prayer*

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
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.**

*The Blessing*

*Procession into the World.*

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

**A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing;  
for still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.**

**Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;  
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing:  
dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus it is he;  
Lord Sabaoth his Name, from age to age the same,  
and he must win the battle.**

**And tho' this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us;  
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us;  
the prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure,  
one little word shall fell him.**

**That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them abideth;  
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth;  
let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,  
his kingdom is forever.**

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*The Dismissal Response*

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

