



THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
FEBRUARY 22, 2026
11:00AM

*Quiet in the nave before the service helps us to mark sacred space and time.
We invite you to use this time to prayerfully prepare for worship.
Please remember to silence your cell phone.*

Voluntary

Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist, BWV 671

Johann Sebastian Bach

The Word of God

The Great Litany, S67, *Standing or kneeling, led by cantor, responses sung by all*
The letter "S" in front of a number refers to service music, which is found in the front section of the Hymnal. For more details, please see the back page.

The 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, Seated

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 32, *Please join the choir in singing the bold portions of the Psalm*



- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are / for-/given, *
and whose sin / is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord im-/putes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit / there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered a-/way, *
because of my groan-/ing 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 under-/standing; ***
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.

Second Reading

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 142, *Standing, sung by all*

Lord, who throughout these forty days
ST. FLAVIAN

*During the sequence hymn, children aged 4 through 4th grade are
invited to follow the children's cross out to Children's Chapel.
Parents are always welcome to attend. All will return during the Peace.*

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

Gospeler 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,

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Rev. Rose Veal Eby

The Nicene Creed, *Standing*

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The Peace, *Standing*

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem

Call to Remembrance

Richard Farrant

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving kindness,
which hath been ever of old,

O remember not the sins and offences of my youth:
but according to thy mercy think thou on me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

—Psalm 25:5, 6

Presentation Hymn 152, st. 5, *Standing, sung by all*

A LA VENUE DE NOËL

Grant, O thou blessed Trinity; grant, O unchanging Unity;
that this our fast of forty days may work our profit and thy praise!

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

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.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth ... 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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in
the highest.

Standing or kneeling

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died.**
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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:

The Lord's Prayer, *Said by all*

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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

Agnus Dei S160, *Sung by all*

Plainsong

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 Invitation to Communion

Regardless of the denomination of your baptism, you are invited to receive Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church. If you would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. If you are interested in being baptized please speak with a clergy person after the service or contact the church office. Gluten free wafers available upon request.

Music during Communion

Lent Prose

Plainsong, Mode V

Antiphon: Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee. To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory: lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings: listen, O Jesu, to our supplications. *Ant.* / O thou chief Corner-stone, Right Hand of the Father: Way of Salvation, Gate of Life Celestial: cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement. *Ant.* / God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated: bow down and hearken to thy weeping children: pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses. *Ant.* / Sins oft committed now we lay before thee: with true contrition, now no more we veil them: grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution. *Ant.* / Innocent, captive, taken unresisting: falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced, save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.
Ant.

Hymn 146

Now let us all with one accord EX MORE DOCTI MYSTICO

When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are sent forth to take communion to the sick or homebound, the following is offered:

Celebrant We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

The Postcommunion Prayer, Said by all, standing or kneeling

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Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People **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

Hymn 143, Standing, sung by all

The glory of these forty days ERHALT UNS, HERR

The Dismissal

The Celebrant offers a dismissal followed by:

People **Thanks be to God.**

CELEBRANT The Rev. Dr. Melissa M. Hartley

PREACHER The Rev. Rose Veal Eby

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC Dr. Aaron Tan

Today is the first Sunday in Lent and, to mark this penitential season, we will begin our service by singing the Great Litany. It is traditional to sing the Litany during the opening procession. Because the Litany is quite lengthy, today's procession will make a number of loops through the center and side aisles of the nave.

The Great Litany was the first rite written in English for use by the developing Church of England. It was compiled from various sources in 1544 by Thomas Cranmer, the Archbishop of Canterbury, who later developed the first Book of Common Prayer in 1549. The Great Litany remains part of the Book of Common Prayer today. On this day, because of the Great Litany, we will not pray the prayers of the people nor say the confession.



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