



## *The First Sunday in Lent*

**February 21, 2021**

**Processional Hymn**     *Hymn #170*  
*The Glory of These Forty Days*

*Priest*        The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God  
                    and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*People*        **And also with you.**

### **Opening Prayer**

Let us pray:

Dear friends in Christ,  
every year at the time of the Christian Passover  
we celebrate our redemption through the death and  
resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration  
and to renew our life in the paschal mystery.

We begin this holy season by remembering our need for  
repentance, and for the mercy and forgiveness  
proclaimed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I invite you therefore, in the name of the Lord,  
to observe a holy Lent by self-examination, penitence,  
prayer, fasting, and almsgiving,  
and by reading and meditating on the word of God.

**Amen.**

Therefore, as we turn our hearts  
and minds to worship god, our creator,  
let us confess our sins.

**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 neighbours 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.**

Merciful God,  
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed  
from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for  
ever. **Amen.**

**First Reading            Genesis 9: 8-17**

*Reader: Carrie Bockus*

**Psalm                    Psalm 25: 1-10**

**The Gospel            Mark 1: 9-15**

*The Rev. Canon Tom Patterson*

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

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

*At the conclusion of the Gospel:*

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**Homily**     *The Rev. Canon Tom Patterson*

Let us say together:

**Hear, O Israel,  
The Lord our God, the Lord is one.  
Love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
With all your soul, with all your mind,  
And with all your strength. This is the first commandment.  
The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself.  
There is no commandment greater than these.**

**Prayers of the People**

*Led by: Stephanie Donaldson*

We pray to God the Creator, saying:

*Leader:* God, in your mercy,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

**Offering Prayer**

Thank you, O Lord, our maker;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.  
All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you. **Amen**

**Prayer of St. John Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common prayers to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together, you will hear their requests. Fulfill now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Officiant: Let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

### **Closing Prayer**

Almighty God,  
whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are but did not sin,  
give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission  
to your Spirit,  
that as you know our weakness,  
so we may know your power to save;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### **Doxology**

Glory to God  
**whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in  
Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

May the God of hope  
fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy  
Spirit. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**    *Hymn #618 (vs 1, 2, 4, 7)*  
*O Love How Deep, How Broad, How High*

**The Dismissal**    Let us go in peace, to love and serve the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Readings for Sunday, February 21, 2021**

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1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 4: 13-25

Psalm:    22: 23-31

Gospel:    Mark 9: 2-9