

February 21, 2021

First Sunday of Lent

Opening Song:

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Verse 1: Lord, who throughout these forty days,
For us did fast and pray,
Teach us with you to mourn our sins,
And close by you to stay.

Verse 2: As you with Satan did contend,
And did the vict'ry win,
O give us strength in you to fight,
In you to conquer sin.

FIRST READING

Genesis 9:8-15

God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth." God added: "This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm:

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:18-22

Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear 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 subject to him.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Mark 1:12-15

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts
Only This I Want

Refrain: Only this I want: but to know the Lord,
And to bear his cross, so to wear the crown he
wore.

Verse 1: All but this is loss, worthless refuse to
me, For to gain the Lord is to gain all I need.

Refrain

Verse 2: I will run the race; I will fight the good
fight, So to win the prize of the kingdom of my
Lord. *Refrain*

Communion Hymn: On Eagle's Wings

Verse 1: You who dwell in the shelter of the
Lord,
Who abide in his shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom
I trust!"

Refrain: And he will raise you up on eagle's
wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.

Verse 2: 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. *Refrain*

Verse 3: 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. *Refrain*

Verse 4: 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.

Final Refrain: And he will raise you up on
eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.
And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in
battle, be our defense against the wickedness
and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the
heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into
Hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl
about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

Sending Forth: Forty Days & Forty Nights

Verse 1: Forty days and forty nights
You were fasting in the wild;
Forty days and forty nights,
Tempted, and yet undefiled.

Verse 2: Shall not we your sorrow share
And from worldly joys abstain,
Fasting with unceasing prayer,
Strong with you to suffer pain?