

**ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

March 9, 2025 - 8:00 AM *(No music)*

10:15 AM *(with music)*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II



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THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

*The ringing of the bell signals that our worship is about to begin.
Please stand as you are able.*

Welcome

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Silent Procession

The Collect of the Day

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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.

Opening Hymn #142, "Lord, throughout these forty days"

St. Flavian

[Note: The Bible translations in Lent are taken from The Message by Eugene Peterson.]

A Reading from Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Laurie Doran/Jeremy Lees

Once you enter the land that God, your God, is giving you as an inheritance and take it over and settle down, you are to take some of all the firstfruits of what you grow in the land that God, your God, is giving you, put them in a basket and go to the place God, your God, sets apart for you to worship him. At that time, go to the priest who is there and say, "I announce to God, your God, today that I have entered the land that God promised our ancestors that he'd give to us." The priest will take the basket from you and place it on the Altar of God, your God. And there in the Presence of God, your God, you will recite:

A wandering Aramean was my father, he went down to Egypt and sojourned there, he and just a handful of his brothers at first, but soon they became a great nation, mighty and many. The Egyptians abused and battered us, in a cruel and savage slavery. We cried out to God, the God-of-Our-Fathers: He listened to our voice, he saw our destitution, our trouble, our cruel plight. And God took us out of Egypt with his strong hand and long arm, terrible and great, with signs and miracle-wonders. And he brought us to this place, gave us this land flowing with milk and honey. So here I am. I've brought the firstfruits of what I've grown on this ground you gave me, O God.

Then place it in the Presence of God, your God. Bow low in the Presence of God, your God. And rejoice! Celebrate all the good things that God, your God, has given you and your family; you and the Levite and the foreigner who lives with you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm appointed for today is a portion of Psalm 91 (91:1-2, 9-16). We will read it responsively by half verse.

You who sit down in the High God's presence,

spend the night in Shaddai's shadow,

Say this: "God, you're my refuge.

I trust in you and I'm safe!"

Yes, because God's your refuge,

the High God your very own home,

Evil can't get close to you,

harm can't get through the door.

He ordered his angels

to guard you wherever you go.

If you stumble, they'll catch you;

their job is to keep you from falling.

You'll walk unharmed among lions and snakes,

and kick young lions and serpents from the path.

"If you'll hold on to me for dear life," says God,

"I'll get you out of any trouble.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (4:1-13)

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wild. For forty wilderness days and nights he was tested by the Devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when the time was up, he was hungry. The Devil, playing on his hunger, gave the first test: "Since you're God's Son, command this stone to turn into a loaf of bread." Jesus answered by quoting Deuteronomy: "It takes more than bread to really live." For the second test he led him up and spread out all the kingdoms of the earth on display at once. Then the Devil said, "They're yours in all their splendor to serve your pleasure. I'm in charge of them all and can turn them over to whomever I wish. Worship me and they're yours, the whole works." Jesus refused, again backing his refusal with Deuteronomy: "Worship the Lord your God and only the Lord your God. Serve him with absolute single-heartedness." For the third test the Devil took him to Jerusalem and put him on top of the Temple. He said, "If you are God's Son, jump. It's written, isn't it, that 'he has placed you in the care of angels to protect you; they will catch you; you won't so much as stub your toe on a stone'?" "Yes," said Jesus, "and it's also written, 'Don't you dare tempt the Lord your God.'" That completed the testing. The Devil retreated temporarily, lying in wait for another opportunity.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Repeat the Gospel Acclamation (*omit Amen*)

The Sermon

The Rev. Kathryn L. King

A period of silence is kept after the sermon

Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

In this season of repentance and renewal, let us pray for the concerns of the Church and the world, saying "God, in your mercy, **Renew us.**"

For the whole Church of God, and for all its members:

May the Church truly become the unified body of Christ, hearing and living out God's call in the world. We pray for all baptized Christians in their ministries, for Sean, our

Presiding Bishop; Sally, our bishop; and for all clergy and other ministers.

God, in your mercy,

Renew us

For our nation and every nation:

May all people learn to live together in peace, respecting one another's differences and autonomy. May all leaders be ever mindful of their responsibilities to their own people and others in the world. We pray for our President, Congress, Courts, state and local officials, and for all leaders around the world.

God, in your mercy,

Renew us

For this community and all communities:

May we live together in love and harmony, striving for the building up of all members, for wholeness and justice, striving until none are left behind.

God, in your mercy,

Renew us

For the concerns of the whole world:

May those who face natural disasters find grace and relief; may those who face conflict and war find a loving spirit; and may all of us come to treat our neighbors as ourselves so that we and all this world may truly come to be God's new creation.

God, in your mercy,

Renew us

For all those who are in any pain or sorrow:

May they come to know your love and care and be brought to wholeness; for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; for the poor, the persecuted, and those in prison; for those who are lonely, homeless, or hungry; for all those we now remember especially **Connie and Bill Fortenbaugh, Angelina, Phyllis, Anne, Sandy McIntyre, Mark Durham, Greta, Edward H., Jason, Florence, Barb, Dominic, Hannah, Jen T., Sharon, Greg, Laurie, Joyce, Jim W., Martha H., Sarah, Laura, Alfredo, Linda R., Ian, Megan, Paula, Katherine C., Jorgy, Les, Pete, Pat, Yolande, Jen, Jim, Priscilla, Patti, Sherry, Emily, Sabina, Jean Richards, and J.A. Brown.**

God, in your mercy,

Renew us

For all the blessings of this life:

May we truly celebrate the life we have been given and our time with one another; for new beginnings, anniversaries (**especially Jane and Lance White**), and birthdays (**especially Hank Bristol and Lance White**), and for all the joys of this life; we thank you for all other thanksgivings we now offer, silently or aloud

God, in your mercy,

Renew us

For all who have died:

May those who now live in the joy of God's presence find their rest in God's peace.

God, in your mercy,

Renew us

[The Celebrant will add a concluding collect.]

Confession and Absolution

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The Peace

Please share the peace with those in your pew and a distanced greeting with others.

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn #448, "O love, how deep, how broad"

The English Hymnal, 1906

Doxology

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please remember that there are no Alleluias during Lent or Eastertide

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

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Sanctus #S124

The Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei #S161



The Communion of the People

All are welcome to receive Communion. If you are unable to go to the Altar, please notify an Usher. Communion will be brought to you. Those who desire to receive the wine may do so in one of two ways that align with our updated Diocesan guidelines. If you choose to drink from the chalice, after consuming the bread, please help the Lay Eucharistic Minister guide it to your lips by holding the chalice by its stem. Alternatively, you may receive the wine by intinction by handing the bread to the Eucharistic Minister who will dip the host into the consecrated wine and hand it back to you. It is available to all but required of none.

Communion Hymn #343, "Shepherd of souls"

St. Agnes

#143, "The glory of these forty days"

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The Post-Communion Prayer

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The Solemn Prayer over the people

(Please kneel or bow as you are able.)

Celebrant: Bow down before the Lord.

Please be seated for brief announcements.

Closing Hymn #529, "In Christ there is no East or West"

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The Dismissal

Postlude

Service Participants

Celebrant: The Rev. Kathryn L. King

Verger: Clayton Smith

Chalice: Rick Hager, Francine Ling

Acolytes: 8:00 – Dick Hewson 10:15 – Evan Veenboer

Lectors: 8:00 – Laurie Doran 10:15 – Jeremy Lees, Meg Beresik

Guest Organist: Eric Jorgenson

Altar Guild: Laurie Doran, Stephanie McMurray

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Pancake Breakfast, TODAY following the 10:15 AM service.

Hosted by our children and youth, this annual event is a favorite! Enjoy delicious pancakes, bacon, and sausage!

Lenten Series 2025 This year, we're using The Discovery Series, produced by the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, as our jumping off point. Brief videos will open the discussion for each session. In the first two sessions of this five-session program, we will assess our spiritual gifts, our individual place in ministry, and the importance of personal involvement. Then, we will spend three sessions exploring how our stories are reflections of the biblical story and how sharing of our stories is an important aspect of sharing the faith. There will be two identical sessions held each week, and you may choose the one that meets your schedule best, either 10:30 AM or 6 PM (the latter will include a soup and salad potluck meal). We will meet on March 12, 19, and 26, and April 2 and 9.



Lent Evening Prayer As a new opportunity for prayer and reflection during Lent this year, we are offering Evening Prayer on Mondays and Fridays at 5:30 p.m. This 20-minute office provides a way to mark the end of the business of the daytime and enter into the quieter close of the day. Stop by on your way home or on your way out to supper. See Michael Ling's message in the most recent newsletter or speak with Michael and Francine or Kathryn if you have any questions.



Women's Guild Lenten Reflection Day – Making Prayer Beads

Join us March 18 at 10:30 AM in the church for our Lenten Reflection program led by Kathryn. We will be learning how to make and use prayer beads. A light lunch of soup and bread follows.



Lent Madness Modeled after March Madness, the brackets pit one saint against another instead of basketball teams. This year, those of you who want “in on the action” will read a short piece about one saint each day. Your votes will be cast online with those of others across the Episcopal Church, moving selected saints up the brackets until, just before Easter, one prevails and is awarded the coveted Golden Halo.

Check out the large bracket in Bristol Hall, along with a booklet containing the saints' biographies.

United Thank Offering The little blue boxes are now available for your thankful offerings. This is an opportunity for us to turn our many blessings into blessings for others. Please support this important ministry that provides aid in the form of grants to the Episcopal Church and the provinces of the Anglican Community throughout the world. Our Ingathering will be later in the Spring.

Please join us for our second Outreach Meeting, Sunday, March 23, following 10:15 AM service. This meeting builds on the June 2024 session and continues the conversation about All Saints' plans and goals for Outreach 2025—and beyond. For more information, contact John Copman.



Confirmation, Reception, Reaffirmation I believe that All Saints will be scheduled for an official visitation by Bishop Sally French, within the next 6 to 8 months. That will be a wonderful opportunity for us to present adults for the rites of Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation.

Confirmation - the rite whereby those baptized at a young age make a mature affirmation of their faith and receive the laying on of hands by the Bishop.

Reception - the rite whereby those baptized and Confirmed in another tradition present themselves to the Bishop to be received into the Episcopal Church.

Reaffirmation - the rite that provides an opportunity for anyone already Confirmed to Reaffirm their Christian commitment. This is done for many reasons, which may include: having left the church for a period and returning, having had a particular growth in faith that one would like to recognize, and even simply as a practice undertaken as a regular part of a personal faith journey.

If your interest is awakened by any of these, or you would like to learn more, please speak with me. I would welcome the opportunity to work with anyone who is interested in preparing for any of these milestones. *Kathryn+*

About the translation of Bible are using for Lent 2025

The goal of *The Message*, by Eugene Peterson, is to engage people in the reading process and help them understand what they read. This is not a study Bible, but rather a reading Bible. The original books of the Bible were not written in formal language. *The Message* tries to recapture the Word in the words we use today. I hope you'll appreciate and embrace the shift. You might really like it, or you may not. That's OK. It will give us even more to talk about!
