

**THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT  
THE HOLY EUCHARIST-  
A PENITENTIAL ORDER: RITE II  
10:00 AM  
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*Welcome to St. John's Church. We are glad you have joined us for worship today.*

*For everyone's safety and comfort, we thank you for following all safety guidelines, including wearing a face covering at all times, maintaining appropriate social distance, use of hand sanitizer, etc.*

*If you are visiting or looking for a new church home, please introduce yourself to our clergy or an usher. Children are welcome and encouraged to participate in our worship services.*

*Thank you for turning off your cell phones.*

*You are welcome to join us for worship at any time, including each Sunday at 9:00 am for outdoor Morning Prayer, Sunday at 10:00 am in our sanctuary or on Zoom, Sunday at 4:00 pm for an outdoor Eucharist, and for prayer services throughout the week on Zoom. Visit our website for our full schedule ([stjohnslarchmont.org](http://stjohnslarchmont.org)).*

*If you have a pastoral emergency and need to speak with a priest when the office is closed, you may contact the Rev. Lisa Mason on her personal cell phone at (210) 854-4811.*

## **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

*Make sure your audio setting on Zoom is now in the "mute" setting. Respond out loud at home to all the responses just as if we were in church together.*

*Let us take three deep breaths and center ourselves in the present moment. Relax and release some of your stress as we make ourselves available to God so God can be more available to us. Consider sharing your specific concerns, silently or aloud, during the Prayers of the People.*

**READ ALOUD AT HOME ALL THE PARTS IN BOLD  
WHILE YOUR MIC IS MUTED.**

## ORGAN PRELUDE

**OPENING HYMN 150** “Forty days and forty nights”  
(verses 1, 2, 4, and 5)

*Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*

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?

So shall we have peace divine:  
holier gladness ours shall be;  
round us, too, shall angels shine,  
such as ministered to thee.

Keep, O keep us, Savior dear,  
ever constant by thy side;  
that with thee we may appear  
at the eternal Eastertide.

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*All remain standing.*

*Celebrant* ✠ Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People* **His mercy endures forever.**

# THE DECALOGUE

*All remain standing.*

*Celebrant* Hear the commandments of God to his people:  
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have  
no other gods but me.

***People*** Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Celebrant* You shall not make for yourself any idol.

***People*** Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Celebrant* You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

***People*** Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Celebrant* Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

***People*** Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Celebrant* Honor your father and your mother.

***People*** Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Celebrant* You shall not commit murder.

***People*** Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Celebrant* You shall not commit adultery.

***People*** Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Celebrant* You shall not steal.

***People*** Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Celebrant* You shall not be a false witness.

***People*** Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Celebrant* You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

***People*** Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Celebrant* Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.  
(*Hebrews 4:14,16*)

*Rev. Dorothy* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***All*** **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.**

*Rev. Dorothy* 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.

***All*** **Amen.**

## **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.

***People*** **Amen.**

## FIRST READING: GENESIS 9:8-17

*Carolyn Gallaber* A Reading from Genesis.

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 25:1-9

*Dorothy Rainier*

The portion of the Psalter appointed for this morning is from Psalm 25. Let us read it responsively by the half-verse.

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.**

- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

## **SECOND READING: 1 PETER 3:18-22**

*Carolyn Gallaher* A Reading from First Peter.

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good 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 made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL: MARK 1:9-15**

*Rev. Dorothy* ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **SERMON**

The Rev. Lisa Mason

## **NICENE CREED**

*All*      **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**

*All remain standing as a reader bids the prayers.*

*Dorothy Rainier* With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying  
    “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the  
salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

**People** Lord, have mercy.

*Reader* For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

***People* Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader* For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

***People* Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader* For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

***People* Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader* For this community, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

***People* Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader* For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

***People* Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader* For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

***People* Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader* For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

***People* Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader* For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

***People* Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader* For those who have been commended to our prayers, especially Bernadette, Blanche, Bob, Carolyn, Clementine, Collette, Ellen, George, Harold, Mary, Patricia, Peggy, Robert, Sandy, Sara Lee, and Tom, let us pray to the Lord.

***People* Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader* For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

***People* Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader* For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially Howard Martin Brenner, Ambrose Updegraff, and Gus Wormuth, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

***People* Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader* For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

***People* Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader* For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

***People* Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader* That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

***People* Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader* Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

***People* Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader* In the communion of Saint John and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

***People* To you, O Lord our God.**

*Silence.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect and the people respond, Amen.*

## **THE PEACE**

*Rev. Lisa* The Peace of Christ be always with you.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Rev. Lisa shares brief announcements.*

## OFFERTORY SENTENCES

*Rev. Lisa* Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*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 God 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. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. 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:

*All* **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.**

*Celebrant*

Holy and gracious God: 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:

*All*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, 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 God, now and forever.

**All** Amen.

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,  
**All** **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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

## **THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
**All** **Eternal God, heavenly Father,**  
**you have graciously accepted us as living members**  
**of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,**  
**and you have fed us with spiritual food**  
**in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**  
**Send us now into the world in peace,**  
**and grant us strength and courage**  
**to love and serve you**  
**with gladness and singleness of heart;**  
**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **SOLEMN PRAYER**

*Rev. Lisa* Let us bow our heads and pray for God's blessing.  
*Silence is observed.*

*Rev. Lisa* Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord.

***People*** Amen.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN: #559** Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us *Dulce carmen*

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
for we have no help but thee,  
yet possessing every blessing,  
if our God our Father be.

Savior, breathe forgiveness o'er us;  
all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before us;  
thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
yet unfearing, persevering,  
to thy passion thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy;  
love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy;  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.

## **DISMISSAL**

*Rev. Dorothy* Let us bless the Lord.

***People*** Thanks be to God.

## **ORGAN POSTLUDE**

*Join us after the service for our Virtual Coffee Hour and Lenten  
Adult Formation: What kind of Anglican Are You?*

**Liturgical Ministers Today**

Rector  
Priest Associate  
Director of Music  
Lector  
Intercessor

The Rev. Lisa P. Mason  
The Rev. Dorothy A. Greene  
Dr. Paul-Martin Maki  
Carolyn Gallaher  
Dorothy Rainier