# THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Anglican Church in North America

Year B

## Seasonal Greeting

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
***People*** **His mercy endures for ever.**

## Collect of the Day

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.**

## Old Testament Reading

### Genesis 9:8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, **9** "Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, **10** and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. **11** I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." **12** And 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: **13** I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. **14** When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, **15** 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. **16** 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." **17** 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."

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

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

## Psalter Verses

*(In said services, the psalm verses may be placed between the Epistle and the Gospel, with the congregation standing in preparation for the Gospel. At services where there is a hymn or canticle before the Gospel, the psalm might be said between the Old Testament and Epistle, the people seated.)*

## Psalm 25 or 25:3-9

( [1] Unto you, O LORD, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in you; *
O let me not be ashamed, neither let my enemies triumph over me.

[2] For all those who hope in you shall not be ashamed, *
but those who deal untruly shall be put to confusion. )

[3] Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.

[4] Lead me forth in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation; in you has been my hope all the day long.

[5] Call to remembrance, O LORD, your tender mercies, *
and your loving-kindnesses, which have been from of old.

[6] O remember not the sins and offenses of my youth, *
but according to your mercy think on me, O LORD, in your goodness.

[7] Gracious and righteous is the LORD; *
therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

[8] Those who are meek shall he guide in judgment, *
and those who are gentle shall he teach his way.

[9] All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

( [10] For your Name's sake, O LORD, *

forgive my sin, for it is great.

[11] Who is the one who fears the LORD? *
He shall teach him in the way that he shall choose.

[12] He shall dwell at ease, *
and his seed shall inherit the land.

[13] The LORD reveals his secret counsel to those who fear him, *
and he will show them his covenant.

[14] My eyes are ever looking to the LORD, *
for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

[15] Turn to me, and have mercy on me, *
for I am desolate and in misery.

[16] The sorrows of my heart are enlarged; *
O bring me out of my troubles.

[17] Look upon my adversity and misery *
and forgive me all my sin.

[18] Consider my enemies, how many they are, *
and how they bear a tyrannous hate against me.

[19] O keep my soul and deliver me; *
let me not be ashamed, for I have put my trust in you.

[20] Let integrity and righteous dealing preserve me, *
for my hope has been in you.

[21] Deliver Israel, O God, *
out of all his troubles. )

## Epistle Reading

## 1 Peter 3:18-22

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, [19] in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, [20] because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. [21] Baptism, which corresponds to this, 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, [22] who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

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

## The Holy Gospel

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Mark.

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

Mark 1:9-13

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. [10] And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. [11] And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

[12] The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. [13] And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Offertory and Post-Communion Sentences

*(Drawn from verses of Holy Scripture, these sentences are chosen by the celebrant or preacher to reinforce the lessons or teaching of the day.)*

## Proper Preface

*Lent*

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.

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