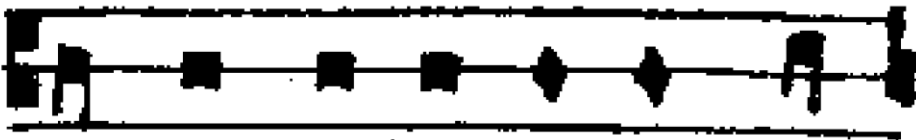


The First Sunday in Lent
February 26, 2023

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The Holy Eucharist, Rite I

7:30 & 10:00 Services

*Children are always welcome in the church.
Please be sure your cell phone is inaudible.*

Prelude

The Great Litany

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The Collect

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**

The First Reading

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Psalm 32

¹ Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!

- ² Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- ³ While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
- ⁴ For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
- ⁶ I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- ⁷ Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- ⁸ You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- ⁹ "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.
- ¹⁰ Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."
- ¹¹ Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.
- ¹² Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

The Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus

Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Sequence Hymn #150 (10:00 only) Forty Days and Forty Nights

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The Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Sermon

The Rev. Canon Lisa Fry

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People, Form IV

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Leader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially...
Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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The Peace page 332

Announcements and Birthdays

Birthday Prayer

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase. Bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand, comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful, raise them up if they fall. And in their hearts, may thy peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory

Offertory Hymn 380 (v.3) *Old 100th*

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Agnus Dei (S158/ Insert 10:00 only) page 337

The Communion

Communion Voluntary

Blessing

Dismissal Hymn #143

The Glory of These Forty Days

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The Dismissal

Postlude



Our Diocese requests that during the pandemic we no longer dip the wafer into the wine (intinct). Here are our choices:

- Receiving communion in “one kind”—bread only or wine only. In the Episcopal church, receiving in one kind is considered receiving in both.
- Drink from the common cup
- Cross hands over chest after receiving the bread and the Chalice Bearer will say, “the blood of Christ” but will not distribute the wine.

Help the Lay Eucharistic Ministers by choosing one of these three options. Please do not intinct.

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Liturgical Ministers

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Deacon:

Organist:

The Rev. Canon Lisa Fry

The Rev. Dr. Rosalee Glass

Clarissa Brown, Minister of Music

7:30 a.m. Liturgy

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Pam Bardon

Lay Readers: Pam Bardon, Edmund Hartt

Prayers of the People: Pat Ayers

Usher: Edmund Hartt

10:00 a.m. Liturgy

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Jacqueline Recht

Acolytes: Olivia Johns, George Johns

Lay Readers: Dean Jackson, Kate Jackson

Prayers of the People: Gwen Prosser

Ushers: Roy Gilley, Dean Jackson

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