

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.

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.

Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:\*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen*

## Gradual Music

### The Holy Gospel of Mark 1:9-15

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel....

All: **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.”

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

### The Sermon

The Rev’d Joseph Daly

**The Nicene Creed** *Standing, said by all*

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### The Peace

*In acknowledgement of Christ’s Peace, you are invited to bow to one another with your right hand over your heart. Please **refrain from all physical contact.***

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People:* **And with thy spirit**

## Welcome and Announcements

## Offertory Music

## Eucharistic Prayer I

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them up unto the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
<i>People</i>	It is meet and right so to do.

*The Celebrant Continues*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

*The Celebrant continues with preface of the day*

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**The Sanctus** *Said by all*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*The people remain standing. Then the Celebrant continues*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated*

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits

and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, [*in unison*]

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.*

### At the Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
All: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

**The Prayer of Humble Access** *Celebrant and people*

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We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

### The Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Thanksgiving and Blessing** *Standing and in unison*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

## Recessional Music

### Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*Please exit the nave whilst maintaining social distance of six feet.*

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:** Our Vestry and Clergy, Pit Hesterly, Julian Christopher Buuck, Stephen, Sandie Jordan, Barbara Myers, Joyce McClellan, Janet Tessier, Christopher Anglin, Lynn, Charles Lutes, Gerald Delaunay, Lila, Bob King, Mary McIntosh, Frank Parratt, Karen Gallet, Lisa Bordelon, Maggie Patin, Richard, Janet, Jamie, Ken Wade, Nita, Ryan Green, Billy Hall, Hazel, Marvin, Ainsleigh, Katie, Mary Fay Freshley, Michael Reed, Nicholas Blonski, Margret DeLarue, Catherine Elizabeth, Henry, Tim and Sarah, Emily Taylor, Lee, Alison Higginbotham, Renee Reina, Tammy Carpenter, Dr Kerri Rimmel, Rebecca Jayne, James Alan Vaughn, Sawyer Billeaud, Paul, Benita, Marie Julie, Jimmy, William and Ann Shower, Laura, Maddox, Curtis Melancon, Charlene, Faye V. Turner, Hedy Stevens, Louise Haddock, Lisa Karre, Father Gary Schexnayder, Miller, Howard, Ann Dobie, Naghan El Karhili, Pam Capell, Kasey, Jack Larmier, David, Judy Roberts, Carlin Craig, Kasey, Sharon, Kristen, Carolyn Barker, Melissa Barker, Jonathan Barker, Catherine McGowen, Linda Weems, Jim, Carol Baker, Charles McGowen, Angela Roy, John Bateman, Colette House, Arthur White, Sammy, Albert Davis, Lou Ann St. Julien, Thomas, Phyllis Huval, Katherine Attrep, Michael Blevins, Mike Blevins, Maty Blevins, Carli Blevins, Mike and Shirley Godwin, Jan and Charles, David, Thomas Rowe, Theresa, Connie Priest, Corrine, Marci Lecky, Angie Touchet, Dr. Jim Rotchford, Lou Oliver, Martha Green, Rodney Ledoux, Ronnie Pendergraft, Mary and Irby Olivier, Farin Gougierrez, Beck B., Ann Patin, Nick Georges, Emily Kean, Ashley Alexander, Kennedy Shuler, Christopher Hebert, Marion, Joyce Harvilchuch, 0 Allan Voss, Rick Onks, Mark Buddy and Carmina, Kaytlin, Diane, Judy Herman, Sterling Lejeune, The Kruger Family, Jane Cabes, Troy LeBoeuf, Dave Cheshire, Aubrey Braithwaite, Sylvia Turner, Anson Lindsay, Roxanne Myers, Andrew D., Mary Beth Tompkins, Donald Shaffer, Tom Foarde, Jack Seale, Micah and Kelly Champagne, John Baker, Diana Fay Lejerne, Hunter Watts, Dr. Kortney West, Kelsey Roy, Whitney Halamuda, Steven Manual, Marion Rosser, Jerry Foster, Ellen Patton Fenstermaker, Eddie Martin, friends, and family serving in the armed services. Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Mark's Cathedral in Shreveport and Covenant United Methodist Church. (Names stay on the prayers list for three weeks unless otherwise requested.)

*The Altar Greens are given to the Glory of God*

### Lectors:

**8:30 am** Kathy Knierim

**11:00 am** Pat Michael

**Music:** Tom Lyles, Minister of Music and John Moore, Organist

**Church Office Hours:** Monday -Friday- 8:30am -1:00pm



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## "Let us worship the Lord" standing practices & expectations

### Ascension and Coronavirus

**We welcome you to worship with us today!** As we seek to reduce (not remove) risk to our parishioners, volunteers and staff, the following standards are subject to change as circumstances warrant and shall be normative until further notice.

### Sunday Worship times & order

**8:30 AM**

**11:00 AM**

A limit of 90 attendees per service will be admitted.

**Ushers will assign seating** per state regulation. Families of the same household may sit together as space allows.

**No childcare** will be provided until further notice.

**Those considered at risk of COVID-19 are strongly encouraged to worship from home.** The at-risk population is anyone 65 years old or older, and anyone with chronic lung disease; moderate to severe asthma; chronic heart disease; severe obesity; diabetes; chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis; liver disease; or weakened immune system.

**Everyone 3 years of age and older are required to wear a face mask over their nose and mouth**, including clergy. Celebrants of Word and Table will remove masks only when speaking. The State advises, "Children under 2 years of age and individuals who have difficulty breathing should not wear face coverings." If you have difficulty breathing, stay home.

#### Service modifications include:

**Bulletins** will be available on the pews. Please dispose in recycling bins at the doors when exiting.

**Prayers** be said standing only. No kneeling.

**The Peace of Christ** shall be shared verbally without physical contact. All are encouraged to place their right hand over their heart and bow to acknowledge one another with Christ's Peace.

**Offering plates** will be stationed at the front and back of the church nave and shall not be touched or moved during the service.

**Communion** bread will be administered by clergy at the chancel steps. Communicants shall wear their mask and remove it after receiving the bread which shall be received in the open palm and consumed before returning to the pew. Please use hand sanitizer after receiving communion.



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### The First Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2021

**The Great Litany** of the English Church was compiled in 1544 by Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, and published in first edition of The Book of Common Prayer (1549). A litany is a long series of prayers and responses said or sung in procession. Today, the Litany is commonly employed at the beginning of Advent and Lent.

**The Litany** Standing

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#### The Collect of the Day

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*Celebrant: The Lord be with you*

*People: And also with you*

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

#### The First Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

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.

*Reader: The Word of the Lord* All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 25:1-9** said standing, responsively by half verse

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.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*

let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.

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.