

Simple Communion Service  
 First Sunday of Lent  
 February 21, 2021



*Cross in the Sanctuary  
 at St. Luke's Church.*

We are so glad you are celebrating virtually with us the First Sunday of Lent! Guests, friends, and family, please take the time to introduce yourself to us and to let us know how the people of St Luke's can serve you and your family, by contacting us at [info@slecp.org](mailto:info@slecp.org).

## Prelude

### The Word of God

Opening Hymn 149 vs. 1 & 2 *Eternal Lord of Love*



1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your Church  
 2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,  
 walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,  
 so dai - ly liv - ing to your way of love,  
 led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,  
 we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,  
 moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:  
 know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:  
 far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.  
 so we are dead and live with you in God.

Words: Thomas H. Cain (b. 1931)

Music: *Old 124th*, melody *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551;  
 harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

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Opening Acclamation: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. *His mercy endures forever.*

## The Decalogue

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. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not make for yourself any idol. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Honor your father and your mother. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not commit murder. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not commit adultery. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not steal. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not be a false witness. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

### **Penitential Sentence**

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8, 9*

### **The Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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.*

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. *Amen.*

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

Christ, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.*

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

### **The Collect of the Day**

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

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 9:8-17*

A reading from the Book of 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. *Thanks be to God.*

### Psalm 25:1-9

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> *Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.*

<sup>3</sup> Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

<sup>4</sup> *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.*

<sup>5</sup> Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

<sup>6</sup> *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.*

<sup>7</sup> Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

<sup>8</sup> *He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.*

<sup>9</sup> 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.*

### The Second Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

A reading from the First Letter of 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. *Thanks be to God.*

### Sequence Hymn 641 vs. 1 Lord Jesus, think on me

1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;  
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;  
from harm - ful pas - sions set me free, and make me pure with - in.  
through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty point thou the heaven - ly way.

Words: Synesius of Cyrene (375?-414?); tr. Allen William Chatfield (1808-1896), alt. Music: Southwell, from *Daman's Psalter*; 1579; adapt. *Hymnal* 1982

## The Gospel

Mark 1:9-15

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark ✠ *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. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sequence Hymn 641 vs. 3 Lord Jesus, think on me (see page 3)

## Sermon

The Rev. Pierre-Henry Buisson

## The Nicene Creed

*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.*

## The Prayers of the People

Form IV

*The Deacon:* 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. God of love and mercy, *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. God of love and mercy, *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. God of love and mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, comfort and heal those in our prayer lists and those we name now silently or aloud ( silence...), give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. God of love and mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

Send your blessings upon Gordon, Gloria, Christine, April, Lloyd & Georgette for their birthdays and Dave & Bonnie and Denis & Becky for their anniversaries, that they may experience your loving presence in their lives. God of love and mercy, *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. God of love and mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

*The Celebrant:* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*And also with you.*

### **Birthday and Anniversary Prayer**

*O God, our times are in your hands: look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace. Send your blessings upon them, that their homes may be a haven of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### **Announcements**

## **The Holy Communion**

**Offertory Sentence** Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalms 96:8*

### **The Great Thanksgiving** Prayer A

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give him 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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. 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:

### **Sanctus**

*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.*

Holy and gracious Father: 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:

***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, 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 Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

### The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

***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 Breaking of the Bread

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: ***have mercy on us.***

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: ***have mercy on us.***

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: ***grant us peace.***

### The 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.

*The presider invites the following prayer to be said by all:*

***Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.*** (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

### The Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father,***

send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

### Solemn Prayer over the People

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. *Amen.*

May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

### Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world in the name of Christ.

*Thanks be to God.*

### Closing Hymn 448 vs. 1 & 6 O love, how deep, how broad, how high

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so

1 thought and fan - ta - sv. that God. the Son of  
6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom

1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt. Music: *Deus tourum militum*, from *Antiphoner*; 1753; adapt. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.; harm. after Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

### Special Dates this Week

#### Birthdays:

February 23: Gordon Snider

February 24: Gloria Owen-Roddy, Christine Loughney, April Alvarado

February 26: Lloyd Needham

February 27: Georgette Heinz

#### Anniversaries:

February 22: Dave & Bonnie Cain

February 27: Dennis & Becky Dill

**For Those In Need We Pray:**

**February Thanksgiving & Healing Prayers**

For a Covid-19 vaccine that will put an end to this virus and for all those people affected by this pandemic. Brandon & Nikki Reynolds.; Carol Glover; Etta Parson; Mark Tuttle; Sara Wiliman; Barbara Harber; Vera Mulnix; Rich Staudt; Steven; Joan Hedger; Doug & Pat Ogburn; Jeanne Miller; Tim Salem, Ed Ausmus, Riley Faith, Christina England, Greg & Mary Bowers, Gary Delisle; Jim & Jan Casacchia; Bill Christy; Jean Ehlers; Larry Neece recovering at home; Larry Allen recovering from detached retina surgery, Karen Kensing awaiting surgery; Deborah & the Delmastro Family, Kerry McClung

**For those in our Armed Forces:** Echo, Brian, Lopez, Dante', Florian

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Church of the Province of Central Africa

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** All Saints, Safford

**In the St. Luke's Outreach Cycle of Prayer:** Prescott Area Shelter Services, Stagger Straight Emergency Shelter, St. Luke's Food Pantry

***St. Luke's Episcopal Church welcomes you!***

**Vestry:** George Chesney, *Senior Warden*; Don McKellar, *Junior Warden*; Bill Towne, *Treasurer*; Beth Parknowitz, *Clerk*; Leanne Bryan, Lloyd Needham, Nancy Reynolds, Paul Nelson, Roger Peacock, Ron Weiss, Don Martin, Kathy Pessin, Carol Sweeden, *members*.

**Staff:** Beth Parknowitz, *Parish Administrator*; Lauree Birchmeier, *Admin Assistantr*, Dennis Houser, *Director of Music*; Sophie Buisson, *Children and Youth Director*; Helen Henderson, *Bookkeeper*; Alfonso Hernandez, *Sexton*; Kay Houser, *Organist*; John Euson, *Organist Assistant*.

**Clergy:** Pierre-Henry Buisson, *Rector*; Kimball Arnold; Chris Christy, *Deacons*.  
Richard Lassiter; Jim & Susan Schubert; Bob Wills; Jack Wolter, *Assisting priests*,

*We acknowledge the living culture of the Yavapai people, the traditional custodians of the land we stand on, and pay tribute to the role they play in the life of this region. Resolution #2016-3, of the 56<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Convention*