

# The First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024

## The 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.*

## A Reading from Genesis 9:8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, 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. 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." 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: I have set my bow in the cloud, 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."

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 25:3-9



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### *The Psalm will be chanted.*

- 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**.

Glory be to the Father, and to the **Son**, and to the Holy **Spirit**:  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever **shall be**, world without end.  
**A-men**.

## **A Reading from 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, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, 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. 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, 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 according to St. Mark 1:9-13**

*All standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Holy Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to \_\_\_\_\_.

*People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 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. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. 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.*

## **Proper Preface**

### *Lent*

*For the Celebrant to read after the Sursum Corda.*

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 .