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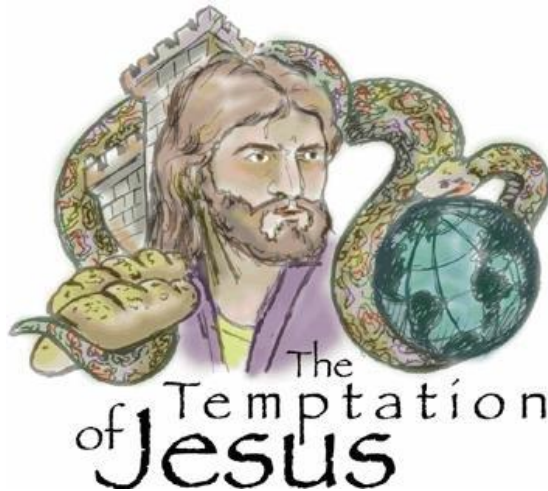
February 18, 2024

First Sunday in Lent

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

## ***Welcome***

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### The Gathering of the Community

#### Processional Hymn #175 “Forty Days and Forty Nights”

Text by George Hunt Smyttan

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| 1 Forty days and forty nights<br>you were fasting in the wild,<br>forty days and forty nights<br>tempted, and yet undefiled:                      | 4 So if Satan, pressing hard,<br>soul and body would destroy,<br>Christ who conquered, be our guard;<br>give to us the victor’s joy. |
| 2 burning heat throughout the day,<br>bitter cold when light had fled,<br>prowling beasts around your way,<br>stones your pillow, earth your bed. | 5 Saviour, may we hear your voice—<br>keep us constant at your side;<br>and with you we shall rejoice<br>at the eternal Eastertide.  |
| 3 Shall not we your trials share,<br>learn your discipline of will,<br>and with you by fast and prayer<br>wrestle with the powers of hell?        |  |

#### Greeting and Collect for Purity

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*Celebrant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God,

*People* **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### Kyrie Eleison

*Leader:* Kyrie Eleison

*People:* **Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison**

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*People:* **Christie Eleison, Christie Eleison**

*Leader:* Kyrie Eleison

*People:* **Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison**

**Collect of the Day***Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Proclamation of the Word**

First Reading:

Genesis 9:8–17

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Genesis.

<sup>8</sup>Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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.” <sup>12</sup>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: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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.” <sup>17</sup>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 25:1–9**

1 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.

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

3 Show me your ways, O Lord,  
and teach me your paths.

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- 4 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.**
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion  
and love,  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 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.**
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he teaches sinners in his  
way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right  
and teaches his way to the lowly.**
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and  
faithfulness  
to those who keep his covenant and  
his testimonies.

**God of compassion and love, forgive our sins, relieve our misery, satisfy our longing, and fulfil all our hopes for peace; through your Son Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

Second Reading:

I Peter 3:18–22

*Reader* A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

<sup>18</sup>For 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, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>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 people, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>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, <sup>22</sup>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.

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

**Gradual Hymn #360 “Bless the Lord, My Soul”**

Psalm 103:1–2; paraphrase by Taizé Community (France)

Bless the Lord, my soul,  
and bless God’s holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul,  
who leads me into life.

***Repeat as needed.***

Holy Gospel:

Mark 1:9–15

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup> And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup> He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. <sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

*A time for silent reflection is kept.*

### The Nicene Creed

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*Celebrant* Let us confess our faith, as we say,

*People* **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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic**

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**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**

*Leader* We pray to you, Lord.

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

## **Confession and Absolution**

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*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Most merciful God,

*People* **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 neighbours 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.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

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*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

## **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

### **Offertory Hymn #628 "O Love, How Deep, How Broad"**

Text from Latin; translation by Benjamin Webb

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| 1 | O love, how deep, how broad, how high!<br>It fills the heart with ecstasy,<br>that God, the Son of God, should take<br>our mortal form for mortals' sake. | 3 | For us he was baptized, and bore<br>his holy fast, and hungered sore;<br>for us temptations sharp he knew;<br>for us the tempter overthrew.             |
| 2 | God sent no angel to our race,<br>of higher or of lower place,<br>but wore the robe of human frame<br>for us, and to this lost world came.                | 4 | For us he prayed, for us he taught,<br>for us his daily works he wrought;<br>by words and signs, and actions, thus<br>still seeking not himself but us. |

5 For us by wickedness betrayed,  
scourged, mocked, in purple robe  
arrayed,  
he bore the shameful cross and death;  
for us at length gave up his breath.

6 For us he rose from death again,  
for us he went on high to reign,  
for us he sent his Spirit here  
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

7 To God whose boundless love has won  
salvation for us through the Son,  
to God the Father, glory be  
both now and through eternity.

### The Prayer over the Gifts

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **God our refuge and our strength, receive all we offer you this day, and through the death and resurrection of your Son transform us to his likeness. We ask this in his name. Amen.**

### Eucharistic Prayer 3

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth, because you bid your faithful people to cleanse their hearts and to prepare with joy for the paschal feast; that reborn through the waters of baptism and renewed in the eucharistic mystery, we may be more fervent in prayer and more generous in the works of love.

Therefore we raise our voices to you in praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

*People* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Hymn  
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**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant* We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

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For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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."

*People* Therefore, Father, according to his command,  
**we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant* and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.  
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.  
In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer** [Michael Leach]

*Celebrant* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

*People* **Our Father in heav'n, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**



**The Breaking of the Bread #6**

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*Celebrant* We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.*People* **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.****Lamb of God** [Hymn #690]*People* **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.****Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.****Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.****The Communion**

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*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the People of God.*People* **Thanks be to God.****Prayer for Spiritual Communion***Celebrant* Dear friends, if you are present or elsewhere and are unable to receive the sacrament at this time, I invite you to join me and the whole church in spiritual communion to receive Christ, who is present in this Sacrament of the Altar. Let us pray.*People* **Lord Christ, present in the Sacrament of the altar and in your people, gathered in spirit, come and abide in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; transform my life and actions that they may reflect the image of your holiness; and, by the power of your liberating love, overthrow all that threatens or disrupts the justice and truth of the reign of God. In your name I pray. Amen.**

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would rather not receive the bread and wine, please feel free to come forward for a blessing.*

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## Communion Hymn #63 “Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup”

John 6:35–51; paraphrase by Robert J. Batastini & the Taizé Community (France)

**Refrain:** Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
trust in me and you will not thirst.

1 I am the bread of life,  
the true bread sent from the Father.

**Refrain**

2 Your ancestors ate manna in the desert,  
but this is the bread come down from  
heaven.

**Refrain**

3 Eat my flesh and drink my blood,  
and I will raise you up on the last  
day.

**Refrain**

4 Any one who eats this bread,  
will live forever.

**Refrain**

5 If you believe and eat this bread,  
you will have eternal life.

**Refrain**

## Prayer After Communion

*Celebrant* **Faithful God,**

*People* **in this holy bread you increase our faith and hope and love. Lead us in the path  
of Christ who is your Word of life. We ask this in his name. Amen.**

## Blessing

## Recessional Hymn #564 “Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us”

Text by James Edmeston

1 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
o’er the world’s tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
for we have no help but thee;  
yet possessing every blessing  
if our God our Father be.

2 Saviour, breathe forgiveness o’er us;  
all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before us,  
thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
lone and dreary, faint and weary,  
through the desert thou didst go.

3 Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy;  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.

**Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Go in peace as we walk our Lenten journey; reflect; pray; continue to love and serve the Lord.

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

<p><b>Today's Scripture Readings</b></p> <p><b>First Sunday in Lent</b>          Genesis 9:8-17          Psalm 25:1-9          Peter 3:18-22          Mark 1:9-15</p>	<p><b>Next Sunday's Scripture Readings</b></p> <p><b>Second Sunday in Lent</b>          Genesis 17:1-7,15-16          Psalm 22:22-30          Romans 4:13-25          Mark 8:31-38</p>
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<p><b>We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .</b></p>
<p><b>Congregation Cycle</b>          Hope L / Margie, Colette &amp; Clavel L, &amp; Carter / Jackson M /          Wesley S &amp; Aili M, Andreas &amp; Ella B &amp; Samantha V / Nathan M</p>

<p>Celebrant &amp; Preacher          The Rev. Vinaya Dumpala</p> <p>Subdeacon          Margie Lyttle</p> <p>Intercessor          Geraldine Sperling</p> <p>Readers          Ravi Andrews</p> <p>Music          Geraldine Sperling</p>	<p>Videographer          Egan Done</p> <p>Altar Guild          Nancy Dodsworth</p> <p>Usher          Ann-Marie Waithe Powell</p> <p>Welcome Table          Lorraine Baillie</p> <p>Coffee Hour Host          Lorraine Baillie</p>
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## **Territorial Acknowledgement**

The land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee (ho-den-oh-show-nee) and Anishinabek (ah-nish-nah-bek) Nations, and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. This territory is also covered by the Toronto Purchase. Today, Toronto is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island.

We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and work in this community, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.