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Children's Sunday School at 10:15 a.m. in Cooper Hall  
Holy Eucharist at 11:00 a.m.

# The First Sunday in Lent

March 6, 2022

## The Holy Eucharist

Prelude                      *O Lord, Whose Mercies Numberless*                      Handel

Silent Procession

142 Opening Hymn      *Lord who throughout these forty days*                      St. Flavian

### A Penitential Order

*Celebrant:* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People:* **His mercy endures for ever.**

*All kneel in silence.*

#### **The Decalogue: Contemporary**

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.***

*The Celebrant may read the following sentences:*

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." (*Mark 12:29-31*)

*The Deacon or Celebrant then says:*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People:*

**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.**

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

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.**

### **W 838 The Kyrie**

Hackett

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

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

*The Celebrant says to the people:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

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 people sit.*

## **The Word of God**

### **The First Lesson Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

*Lector* A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

*Lector* The word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16** *(read responsively by half verse)*

<sup>1</sup> He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, \*  
***abides under the shadow of the Almighty.***

- <sup>2</sup> He shall say to the LORD,  
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, \*  
***my God in whom I put my trust.***"
- <sup>9</sup> Because you have made the LORD your refuge, \*  
***and the Most High your habitation,***
- <sup>10</sup> There shall no evil happen to you, \*  
***neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.***
- <sup>11</sup> For he shall give his angels charge over you, \*  
***to keep you in all your ways.***
- <sup>12</sup> They shall bear you in their hands, \*  
***lest you dash your foot against a stone.***
- <sup>13</sup> You shall tread upon the lion and adder; \*  
***you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.***
- <sup>14</sup> Because he is bound to me in love,  
therefore will I deliver him; \*  
***I will protect him, because he knows my Name.***
- <sup>15</sup> He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; \*  
***I am with him in trouble;***  
***I will rescue him and bring him to honor.***
- <sup>16</sup> With long life will I satisfy him, \*  
***and show him my salvation.***

### **The Epistle Romans 10:8b-13**

*Lector* A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart"  
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

*Lector* The word of the Lord.

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

*The people may stand.*

**150 Hymn**

***Forty days and forty night***

Aus der Tiefe rufe ich

**The Holy Gospel Luke 4:1-13**

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.'"

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

'He will command his angels concerning you,  
to protect you,' and  
'On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The people sit.*

**The Sermon**

*The people may stand.*

## **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

*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

*People: Hear our prayer.*

*Leader:* 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

*People: Hear our prayer.*

*Leader:* 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

*People: Hear our prayer.*

*Leader:* 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

*People: Hear our prayer.*

*Leader:* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially, **Bobbie and Rendol Cobb, Julia Credle, Peggy Parker, Riley Raines, Mary Gillam, Rita Hoggard, Beth Bryant, Steve Wilson, Bill White, Ronnie Fisk, and others known to us.**

Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*People: Hear our prayer.*

*Leader:* 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

*People: Hear our prayer.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect*



## **The Peace**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**      *(Please stay in your pew.)*

## **Announcements**

## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Offertory Anthem**

*On Eagle's Wings*

Joncas

*(Please place your offering in the plate in the narthex as you enter or exit. During the anthem, the altar will be prepared for the Holy Communion.)*

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Eucharistic Prayer D*

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says:*

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 him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

*Celebrant and People*

**WLP 858 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, Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation. Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all. When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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." Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

***We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.***

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may

become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

**The Breaking of the Bread** *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said*

**S164 Fraction Anthem**

Schubert

***Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.***  
***Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.***  
***Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:***  
***give us your peace, give us your peace.***

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation:*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*And may add:*

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Ministration of Communion**

*The bread and the wine will be offered in stations near the chancel steps. After the choir receives communion, the lectern side will receive first. Everyone should use the lectern side of the aisle going to communion; use the pulpit side of the aisle going back to your seat. We are using biodegradable cups for the wine. Please pick up your own cup, step away from the table, and then deposit the cup into the trash can located in the first pew. Please let an usher know if you prefer to have communion brought to you.*

**Post Communion Prayer**

*After Communion, all kneel and the Celebrant says:*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People:*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,**  
**you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior**  
**Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of**  
**his Body and Blood.**  
**Send us now into the world in peace,**  
**and grant us strength and courage**  
**to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;**  
**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, may bless the people.*

**147 Hymn** **Now let us all with one accord**

Bourbon

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them*

**People Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

*Sostenuto*

Suraynski

### **The Ministers of the Liturgy**

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Jim Horton

**Organist/choir director:** Tom Parker

**Lector:** Jaquelin Perry

**Acolyte:** Winston Warren

**Altar Guild:** Kristy Copeland, Lucy Spruill

**Hostesses:** Lucy Horton, Tra Perry, Briley Rascoe

**Counters:** Patti Farless, Rosanna Rhea **Ushers:** Joe Rhea, Chip Warren

**Eucharistic Minister:** Lucy Spruill

### **Announcements**

Accolades to The Capeharts ... The Rheas ... The Pittmans ... and Rob Alley and Harriet Stout ... for a wonderful and successful Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper! So good to fellowship in person over a meal in our own Cooper Fellowship Hall.

The vestry will meet Monday, March 7, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. To be determined if via Zoom or in-person.

Lenten Studies will begin this week on Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the Parish Hall. We will have soup, sandwiches and a discussion of the lectionary readings from that day. We need volunteers to help with the meal preparations. Signup sheets are available in the Narthex. We look forward to seeing everyone and we will continue with safety protocols.

Don't forget to contact The Opportunity Shop for all your dry cleaning needs, 794-5595. They are using Rochelle Cleaners of Edenton.

The choir will rehearse this Wednesday night immediately following the Lenten Study. Please consider joining the choir---new choir members are always welcome! For more information, please contact Tom Parker at [tparker27804@aol.com](mailto:tparker27804@aol.com).

All announcements to be included in the weekly bulletin may be sent to CB Guess at [edenhouse3@gmail.com](mailto:edenhouse3@gmail.com) by Wednesdays at noon.

Thank you to everyone who has submitted your 2022 pledge. If you have not already done so, please consider prayerfully what God is calling you to give to St. Thomas in 2022. Pledge cards are available in the narthex and on the chest outside Cooper Hall.