

## Hymns and Readings February 21 The First Sunday in Lent

### The Great Litany S61

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, **Have mercy upon us.**

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, **Have mercy upon us.**

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful, **Have mercy upon us.**

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, **Have mercy upon us.**

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us for ever. **Spare us, good Lord.**

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation, **Good Lord, deliver us.**

*This same response is sung after the petitions that follow.... Good, Lord deliver us  
After the last petition and response the following is sung*

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

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O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **Have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **Have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **Grant us thy peace.**

O Christ, hear us. **O Christ, hear us.**

### Offertory Hymn 149 "Eternal Lord of love, behold your church" Old 124<sup>th</sup>

Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent,  
led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,  
moved by your love and toward your presence bent: far off yet here the goal of all desire.

So daily dying to the way of self, so daily living to your way of love,  
we walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod, knowing ourselves baptized into your death:  
so we are dead and live with you in God.

If dead in you, so in you we arise, you the first-born of all the faithful dead;  
and as though stony ground the green shoots break,  
glorious in spring time dress of leaf and flower,  
so in the Father's glory shall we wake

## **Communion Hymn LEVAS 121 Baptized in Water” Eugene Hancock**

1 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:  
Heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, Faithfully now God’s praise we sing.

2 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, Dead in the tomb with Christ our King:  
One with his rising, freed and forgiven, Thankfully now God’s praise we sing.

3 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, Marked with the sign of Christ our King:  
Born of one Father, we are his children, Joyfully now God’s praise we sing.

## **Closing Hymn 143 “The glory of these forty days” Erhalt, uns, Herr**

The glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise;  
for Christ, through whom all things were made, himself has fasted and has prayed.

2 Alone and fasting Moses saw the loving God who gave the law;  
and to Elijah, fasting, came the steeds and chariots of flame.

3 So Daniel trained his mystic sight, delivered from the lions’ might;  
and John, the Bridegroom’s friend, became the herald of Messiah’s name.

4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full oft in fast and prayer with thee;  
our spirits strengthen with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.

5 O Father, Son, and Spirit blest, to thee be every prayer addressed,  
who art in threefold Name adored, from age to age, the only Lord.

## The Collect

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.*

## First Reading Genesis 9:8-17

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."

## Psalm 25:1-9 *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

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.

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.

## **The Second 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.

## **The Gospel Mark 1:9-15**

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."