

Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:
to loose the chains of injustice
and untie the cords of the yoke,
to set the oppressed free
and break every yoke?

Is it not to share your food with the hungry
and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—
when you see the naked, to clothe him,
and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

Then your light will break forth like the dawn,
and your healing will quickly appear;
then your righteousness will go before you,
and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard.

Then you will call, and the Lord will answer;
you will cry for help, and he will say: Here I am.

Isaiah 58:6–9 (NIV)

The Rev. Freda Marie S. Brown
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The Rev. David J. Ware
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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

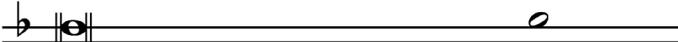
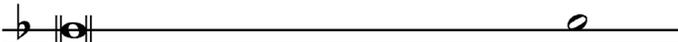
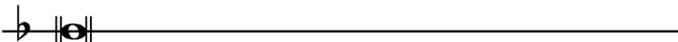
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FEBRUARY 21, 2021

THE HOLY EUCHARIST
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

WELCOME

THE GREAT LITANY

<i>Officiant</i>	<i>People</i>
	
Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,	Have mer - cy on us.
<i>Officiant</i>	<i>People</i>
	
Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,	Have mer - cy on us.
<i>Officiant</i>	<i>People</i>
	
Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faith - ful,	Have mer - cy on us.
<i>Officiant</i>	<i>People</i>
	
Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,	Have mer - cy on us.
<i>Officiant</i>	
	
From all mischief; from pride vanity and hypocrisy; and all e - vil in - tent,	
<i>People</i>	
	
Sa - vior de - liv - er us.	

(The same response is sung after the petitions that follow)

Officiant From hatred, violence, envy and greed,

People **Savior, deliver us.**

Officiant From apathy, indifference, complacency and hopelessness,

People **Savior, deliver us.**

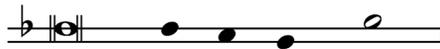
Officiant From all systems of oppression and injustice that perpetuate human suffering,
and our complicity with them,

People **Savior, deliver us.**

Officiant From all diseases, illnesses and addictions,

People **Savior, deliver us.**

Officiant



By your life and your teaching

People



Redeemer make us whole.

(The same response is sung after the petitions that follow)

Officiant By your way of inclusion, compassion, mercy and healing.

People **Redeemer make us whole.**

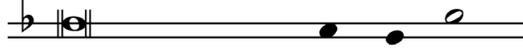
Officiant By your cross, passion, and death,

People **Redeemer make us whole.**

Officiant By your resurrection, ascension, and gift of the Holy Spirit,

People **Redeemer make us whole.**

Officiant



Hear our prayers, O Christ our God.

People



Hear us, O Christ.

(The same response is sung after the petitions that follow)

Officiant Inspire and guide your people; fill us with love and truth.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant Embolden us to risk sharing and embodying your good news.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant Give us grace to heal the sick, feed the hungry, liberate the oppressed, and bind up the broken-hearted.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant Guide all leaders and people in authority to use their power for the common good.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant Give your wisdom and strength to Joseph, President of the United States; Larry, Governor of Maryland; and Brandon, Mayor of Baltimore, that in all things they may do your will, for your glory and the common good.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant Guide the Congress of the United States, the members of the President's Cabinet, those who serve in our state legislature, and all others in authority to walk always in the ways of truth.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant Bless the justices of the Supreme Court and all those who administer the law that they may act with integrity and fairness for all people.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant Guard and protect all who are in danger.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant Direct the hearts and minds of the police and the communities they protect, that we may all respect the dignity of every human being.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

- 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.

EPISTLE: 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *A Hymne to God the Father*

Bert Landman

Wilt thou forgive that sin where I begun, which was my sin, though it were done before?
Wilt thou forgive that sin; through which I run, and do run still: though still I do deplore?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.

Wilt thou forgive that sin which I have won others to sin and made my sin their door?
Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun a year, or two: but wallowed in a score?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.

I have a sin of fear, that when I've spun my last thread, I shall perish on the shore;
But swear thyself, that at my death thy Son shall shine as he shines now, and heretofore;
And, having done that, thou hast done, I fear no more.

John Donne

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15

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

People **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."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HOMILY

The Rev. Rebecca Ogus

Silence for reflection.

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 PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

Celebrant The Lord is 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 It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because you gave Jesus Christ your only Son to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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:

All **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.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior 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 before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

All **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, O 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 may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of 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 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.

All **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Maori & Polynesia, *A New Zealand Prayer Book*)

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

People **Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trial too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrifice for us.

All **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

THE COMMUNION

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Loving God,
We give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, renewed, and made whole;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and come in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant Jesus invites us to a way of wholeness, sharing with the humble and poor.

People **This is the fast we choose.**

Celebrant Jesus beckons us to risk, for the sake of the world.

People **This is the fast we choose.**

Celebrant Jesus challenges us to listen to those who feel they have no voice.

People **This is the fast we choose.**

Celebrant And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

HYMN 143 “The glory of these forty days”

Erhalt uns, Herr

- 1 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 are in three-fold Name adored, from age to age, the only Lord.

DISMISSAL

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY: *Erhalt uns, Herr*

Johann Gottfried Walther

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Please pray for those who have died: Jane Murray, George Wills, Herb Lodder, Nicholas Young and Alice Benfer

Ordinarily names remain on our prayer list for a month. If you would like someone's name to continue – please contact the office.