



THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
The Great Litany
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Year A
February 22, 2026, 10AM

Welcome!

We are happy to worship with you, and honored to have you with us!
Our liturgy comes from the Book of Common Prayer.
Everything you will need for this service can be found in this bulletin
and also the blue *Hymnal* in the pew rack.

*Children begin in service with their families,
and will be invited to Sunday School by Miss Kathryn in Nieman Hall.
Nursery care is available for children through age 4.*

ENTRANCE RITE

PRELUDE



“Jesus in the Wilderness”



James Biery



The people stand.



THE GREAT LITANY


BCP, p. 148


Officiant  *People* 
O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, Have mer - cy up - on us.


Officiant  *People* 
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mer - cy up - on us.


Officiant  *People* 
O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faith - ful, Have mer - cy up - on us.


Officiant  *People* 
O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant 
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

People 
preserve us for ev - er. Spare us, good Lord.

Officiant 
From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the

 devil; and from everlast - ing dam - na - tion,

People 
Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all / want of charity,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world,
the flesh, / and the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and
contempt of thy Word / and commandment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague,
pesti/lence, and famine,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and
murder; and from dying suddenly and unpre/pared,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to
the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temp/tation,

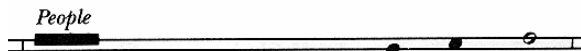
Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious
Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the
Coming of the / Holy Ghost,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death,
and in the / day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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.

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true
knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching
and living, they may set it forth, and show / it accordingly,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep / all thy people,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest,
and to draw all mankind in/to thy kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive
thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits / of the Spirit,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred,
and / are deceived,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to
live after / thy commandments,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the
United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love
mercy, and walk in the / ways of truth,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all
nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom up/on all peoples,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the
homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate / and oppressed,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the
earth, so that in due time all / may enjoy them,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work
which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the /
common good,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their
labor / or their travel,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth,
young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or
/ torn by strife,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing / and infirm,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and / tribulation,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy up/on all mankind,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy / holy Word,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to / turn their hearts,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan un/der our feet,


We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal / life and peace,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.


That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of all the saints, we may attain to thy heav/enly kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.




Officiant Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

People Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.



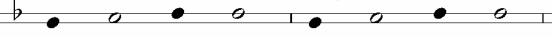
Officiant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.

People O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.



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

People



Officiant O Christ, hear us.

People O Christ, hear us.

KYRIE

(Merbecke)

Hymnal S-90




 Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer -



 cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



 Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.



 Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



 Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Children, age 4 through grade 5, are invited to join Miss Kathryn for Sunday School
 in Nieman Hall. They will return to the sanctuary at the Peace
 Nursery care is available for children through age 4.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, p. 218

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

The Presider prays the Collect, after which all respond Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The assembly is seated for the readings.

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

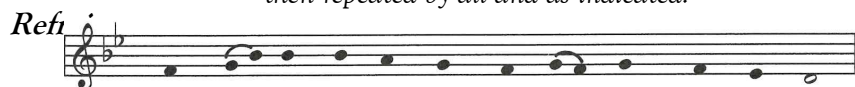
Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 32

Refrain sung first by the choir,
then repeated by all and as indicated.

Plainsong



Hap - py are they to whom the LORD im - putes no guilt.

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long. *Refrain*
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them. *Refrain*



Hap - py are they to whom the LORD im - putes no guilt.

- 8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart. *Refrain*

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 5:12-19

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand for silent procession.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

All remain standing.

Matthew 4:1-11

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

People



Glo - ry to you Lord Christ

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People



Praise to you Lord Christ

The people are seated.

SERMON

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 people stand.

THE PEACE

Presider 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 Sunday School children return to the sanctuary.

WORDS OF WELCOME

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Now is the Cool of the Day” Jean Ritchie
Choirs, Marilyn Musielski, solo arr. Erb



Please feel free to make your offering in thanksgiving to God using the electronic giving options at www.gracemadison.org/giving.

The people stand.

PRESENTATION HYMN “The Glory of These Forty Days” Hymnal 143
(*Erhalt uns, Herr*) Verses 1, 4 & 5

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Prayer C BCP, p. 369

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider At your command all things came to be: the shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Presider From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Presider Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.**

Presider And therefore we praise you, joining
... to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS (Powell) Hymnal S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and

might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. Triplet markings (a '3' over a bracket) are present above the third measure of the second, third, and fourth staves. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line on the fourth staff.

The people remain standing.

Presider Blessed are you, Lord God...
... and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People **We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection
as we await the day of his coming.**

Presider Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed ...
... that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Presider God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; ...
...gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, p. 364

Presider
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

LAMB OF GOD

(Hurd)

Hymnal S-161

Sung by all

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

All baptized persons are invited to receive Communion.

Our custom is to receive the bread on extended hands and drink from the cup.

Intinction— dipping the wafer in the wine—is not practiced.

To receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, cross your arms over your chest.

If you need to have Communion brought to you at your seat, please inform an usher.

Gluten-free bread is available upon request.

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Variations on St. Flavian”
organ

Healey Willan

COMMUNION HYMN

“Lord Who Throughout
These 40 Days”
(St. Flavian)

Hymnal 142

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, p. 365

Said by all, standing.

Presider Let us pray.

Presider 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 Blessing is omitted during Lent.

CLOSING HYMN

“Forty Days and Forty Nights”
(Heinlein)

Hymnal 150

DISMISSAL

Response Thanks be to God.

RETIRING PROCESSION

POSTLUDE

Finale on “St. Flavian”

Healey Willan

Grace Prayer List

We pray for all who are in need, especially Tanya, Dave, Nancy, Leo, Nikki, Julian,
Margaret, Ruth, Allen, David, Brian, Margaret, Robert, Richard, Kackie,
Marianne, Paul, Eloise, Croft, Matt, John, James, Mary, Tiffanie, Jo, Susan,
Brigette, Elizabeth, Brian, Sue.

Weekly Lenten Formation Opportunities

Monday-Friday

3PM-Dusk—Self Guided Stations of the Cross

Sundays

8AM—Spoken Mass

10AM—Holy Eucharist with choir

11:15AM—Becoming An Episcopalian (*Four sessions beginning March 1*)

Wednesdays

8:30AM—Morning Prayer, *Zoom*

6:30PM—Guided Stations of the Cross, *In-Person*

Thursdays

8:45PM—Chanted Compline by candlelight, *Church*

There will not be Chanted Compline this Thursday, February 26

Fridays

11AM—Bible Study, *Library*

12:15PM—Noonday Prayer & Organ Recitals, *Church & Livestream*

February 27: Christopher Harlow-Jennings: Mendelssohn and More

Saturdays

8:30AM—Morning Prayer, *Zoom*



Read about the music in our service today on Dr. Anne's blog

www.annematlack.wordpress.com

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Grace Calendar Highlights

See www.gracemadison.org for more details.

Today after the 10AM service—help us set up the outdoor *Stations of the Cross*

Tues, Feb 24, 7PM **Circle of Women**, Library

Sun, March 1, 11:15AM **Becoming An Episcopalian** (*first session*)

Wed, March 4, 5:30 **Pizza-Compline**, Pizza-making, 6:30-7PM family worship

Sat, March 7, 9AM-3PM **Rotary's End Hunger**, Grace Hall

Sat, March 7, 7:30PM *Harmonium presents* **Rooted in Eternity**,
at the Morristown United Methodist Church

Sun, March 8, **Pie/Pi Day Sale**. *Want to donate a pie?*
contact Christine Cullen: cullen1988@optonline.net

Tues, March 10, 7PM **Men's Gathering**, Library

Fri, March 13, 6-7PM, **Pizza-Tasting Fundraiser**, \$25/person or \$70 family
Email Angela to sign up AKFinlay13@gmail.com

Mon, March 16, 7PM **Women's Book Group**, *Theo of Golden*, Library

Tues, March 17, 7:30PM **Men's Book Group**, offsite

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Clergy

The Rev. Susan R. Ironside, *Rector*

The Rev. Canon Robert T. Griner, *Associate*

Worship Services

Holy Eucharist Services

Sunday 8AM & 10AM

Morning Prayer

Wednesday 8:30AM Zoom

Saturday 8:30AM Zoom

Staff

Dr. Anne Matlack, *Organist & Director of Choirs*

Camille Bourland, *Children's Choirs*

Linda Bowden, *Chapel Choir*

Matthew North, *The Gargoyles Director*

Eve Albiston, *Hadley Bendelius*,

Annabelle Palmer, *Junior Head Choristers*

Kathryn McManus, *Children's Ministries*

Mary McManus, *Youth Ministries*

Geoff Brooks, *Senior Verger*

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Susie Harris, *Communications*

Osh Khublall, *Bookkeeper*

Jose Bonilla, *Sexton*