

# FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 21 – 8:00 AM



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*in*  
LENT

**ST. GABRIEL'S**  
**EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

"Learning and Doing the Work of Jesus"

## Welcome and Announcements

### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.  
*People* **God's mercy endureth forever.**

### The Decalogue

*Celebrant* Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

**Lord have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

**Lord have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

**Lord have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

**Lord have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Honor thy father and thy mother.

**Lord have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt do no murder.

**Lord have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

**Lord have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not steal.

**Lord have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

**Lord have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not covet.

**Lord have mercy upon us,  
and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech  
thee.**

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14,16*

*The Celebrant then says*

Let us humbly confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*The People kneel. Silence may be kept.*

**God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against thee,  
opposing thy will in our lives.  
We have denied thy goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world thou hast created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in thy love  
and serve only thy will. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and

strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy Spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### The First Lesson – Genesis 9:8-17

**G**od 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.”

*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.
- 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 Lesson – 1 Peter 3:18-22

**C**hrist 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.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

## The Gospel – Mark 1:9-15

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

*People*            **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

**I**n 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.”

*Celebrant*     The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*         **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

### **The Homily**

The Rev. Andrew VanBuren, Priest-in-Charge

*A period of silence follows the homily for reflection and silent prayer.*

### **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 Great Litany**

*BCP p. 148*

*The Leader says*

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 Spirit, 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 forebears; neither reward us according to our sins. 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; and from sin,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

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

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,  
**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 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 give us a heart to love and honor 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 upon 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 many 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.**

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 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,  
**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.**

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

**Son of God, we beseech thee to hear 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,  
**Have mercy upon us.**

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

*A Minister may then say one or more of the following sentences,  
first saying*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I  
will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to  
the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but  
have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received,  
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.  
*1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus  
Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our  
sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole  
world. *1 John 2:1-2*

### **The Peace**

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

### **Lenten Blessing**

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon your people; that, in  
observing this holy season of Lent, we may know you more

fully and serve you with a more perfect will. May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with us, and remain with us always. **Amen.**

**The Dismissal**

*Celebrant*     Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**



**ST. GABRIEL'S PARISH PRAYER LIST**

**30-Day Prayer List:** Miss Joann; Jared Patt; Robin Reed; Briana Speese.

**Military and First Responders:** Jason Beiler; Connor Cooper; Morgan Crummy; Nick English; Zach English; Vince Frasure; Adrienne Hunt; Jason Killian; Jeff Lydic; Ben Martin; James Martin; Shannon McCorkle; Ross Morrison; Brooke Moyer; Jared Patt; Matthew Pawlik; Jason Robbins; Ben Slean; Daniel E. Vroman; Kenneth Whitelock.

**Long-term Prayer List:** Mary Jane Amoroso; Peter Amstutz; Audrey Artus; MaryEllen Bailey; Bill; Bob & Marsha; Joel Braverman; Carol & Carl Burkhardt; Sonia Calderone & family; Julie Clemmons; Barbara Cregar; Margaret Crummy; Joe DeMayo & family; Diane & Paul; Donna; Sandy Douros; Eric; Eva; Tina Fanjoy; Clem Fiorini; Nancy Flohr; Ellen Fritz; Tracy Geary; Elizabeth George; Tracy Germano; Bob Green & family; Traci Groner; Lynne Hamm; Theresa & Christine Hawkins; Carroll & Lorraine Hine; Pauline Hunsberger; Jeanne M.; Elaine Kugler; Linda; Raziel Liriano; Lorraine; Maureen; John Mazzoni; Lorraine

McCorkle; the McKeon family; Denny McKernan; Tammy Miller; Safaa Mohammed; Nancy H.; Nicole; Elliot Phillips & family; Sally Reading & family; Amy Reed; Tara Reed; Liz Borneman Reppert; Eric Roda; Ernie Runge, Jr.; Russell family; Carissa Scheid; Fred Spiezio; Rita Starkey; Chris Stewart; Blair Stockton; Terry Stockton; Mary Lou Tate; Regina White; Justin Zajac.

WE PRAY FOR Hopewell Love; Common Ground Recovery Community, Good Shepherd Learning Center.

IN OUR PARISH CYCLE OF PRAYER, we pray for Robert & Carole Chafin; Robert, Chandal, Gwen & Arleigh Chafin; Carlin, Rebecca, Carlee, Abigail, Brianna & Desiree Chesnet.

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER, we pray for Nativity Cathedral in Bethlehem.

IN OUR ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER, we pray for the clergy and people of the Church of the Province of Central Africa.

IN THE DIOCESE OF KAJO-KEJI in South Sudan, we pray for the people and clergy of St. Joseph Lira and Andejo Parishes.

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