

March 9th, 2025 – 1st Sunday of Lent – C

Opening Song All Are Welcome

Let us build a house where love can dwell And all can safely live;
A place where saints and children tell How hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, Rock of faith and vault of grace:
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome all are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where prophets speak, And words are strong and true;
Where all god's children dare to seek, To dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness And as symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
All are welcome, all are welcome all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found In water wine and wheat;
A banquet hall on holy ground, Where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, Is revealed in time and space:
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us,
All are welcome, all are welcome all are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where hands will reach Beyond the wood and stone;
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, And live the Word they've known
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face:
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome, all are welcome all are welcome in this place

Presider: We gather together on this Sacred Morning, the beginning of the Lenten season, in the name of God, who is the Source of All Being, God who is the Incarnation, and God who is Holy Spirit

All: Amen

All: Lord have Mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord Have Mercy

Opening Prayer: Source of All Being, through our observance of Lent, help us to understand more deeply the meaning of Jesus' life, death and resurrection, and show us how we can better reflect that understanding in our lives. We ask this through Jesus, the Christ, Amen.

Liturgy of the Word:

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26: 4-10
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 91: 1-2, 10-15
Be with me Lord, when I am in trouble
2nd Reading: Romans 10: 8-13
Gospel: Luke 4: 1-13

Homily and Sharing

All are welcome to share your thoughts and insights of the homily.

Intentional Prayers

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparations

Presider: Blessed are you, God of all creation. You are the giver of this bread, fruit of the earth and of human labor. It will become for us the Bread of Life

All: Blessed be God forever

Presider: Blessed are you, God of all creation. You are the giver of this wine (and juice), fruit of the vine and of human labor. It will become our spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Presider: Source of All Being, we ask you to receive us and be pleased with the gifts we offer you with humble and contrite hearts.... Pray, my sisters and brothers, that these our gifts may be acceptable to God, who is both Mother and Father.

All: May God accept these gifts from our hands for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good, and the good of all God's people.

Prayer over the Gifts:

All: Source of All Unity, as you accept these gifts we bring to you, may this help us to change our lives. We ask this through Jesus, who is the Christ, Amen.

Presider: Our Creator is with you always

All: And also with you

Presider: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to God

Presider: Let us give thanks to God our Creator

All: it is right to give God thanks and praise

Preface: Creator and Eternal God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks. Through our observance of Lent you ask us to be aware our shortcomings and raise our hearts and minds to you. You help us grow in holiness, and offer us everlasting life through Jesus, the Christ. Through him the angels and all the choirs of heaven worship in awe before your presence. May our voices be one with theirs as they sing with joy the hymn of your glory:

**All: Holy holy holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Let us pray together:

All: Source of All Being, you are holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness. Let your Spirit come upon these gifts to make them holy, so that they become for us the Body and Blood of your Son, Jesus, the Christ, at whose invitation we celebrate this Eucharist

Before he was given up to death, a death he freely accepted, Jesus took bread and gave you thanks and praise. He broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said:

Take this all of you and eat it. This is my Body which will be given up for you.

When the meal was ended, Jesus took the cup. Again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his friends and said:

Take this all of you and drink from it. This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**All: Christ Jesus, by your life, death and resurrection you have set us free.
You are the Redeemer of the world.**

In memory of his life, death and resurrection we offer you, God of Compassion, this life-giving bread and this Redeeming cup. We thank you for callus us into community to be in your presence in love and in service. May all of us who share in

this communion remember our Oneness with the Circle of Life, and our unity through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Loving God, remember your people throughout the world and nurture our growth in love together with our friend and bishop, Michael, and all the people of God.

Remember our friends and family members, our partners, spouses and pets and all who have walked with us on this life's journey, and also those who have crossed over to be completely in the light of your divine presence. With gratitude, we honor them and are thankful they have shared their lives with us.

Keep us mindful of who we truly are: People of the Light. Help us to stay true to that calling as we seek to honor and protect our planetary home and all the Circle of Life that dwells here with us. Help us to love as you love your creation. Nurture within us the strength to be prophetic witnesses to your justice and care of all beings, and show us how to be your presence in the midst of change and challenge.

May we always be mindful of those who came before us, and those who will follow after us. May we always remember your compassion as we share eternal life with Mary, the Mother of God, with all who have followed the spiritual path and who have done your will throughout the ages. May we praise and honor you in union with them, and celebrate the goodness you reveal within us all, through Jesus, our brother, who is the Christ.

All: Christ Jesus, by your life, death and resurrection you have set us free. You are the redeemer of the world.

Presider: We join our hearts and our hands in the prayer Jesus taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

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, the power and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

Presider: We have the peace of the Christ within us, let us share that with one another.

**All: Lamb of God, your love and compassion heals the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, your love and compassion heals the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, your love and compassion heals the world,**

Grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God, who renews the face of the earth.

Behold the Bread of Life that is pure gift and blessing.

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away all separation and sets us free.

Blest and graced are we who are called to this table, and so we can proclaim

Prayer of Receiving: All: Lord, you have made us worthy to receive you and by your Word, we are healed.

Communion Song: One Bread, One Body

One Bread, One Body, One Lord of all, One cup of blessing which we bless.

And we, though many, throughout the earth, We are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man no more

Refrain

Many the gifts, many the works, One in the Lord of all.

Refrain

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, Gathered to one for all.

Refrain

Communion Prayer: All: Loving God, You increase our faith and hope, and you deepen our love in this communion. Help us to live by your words and teachings, and to seek the Christ, our bread of life. Amen.

Solemn Prayer

The God of Infinite Compassion gives us an example of unselfish love in the life and death of Jesus. Through our service to God and neighbor may we receive countless blessings... **All: AMEN**

We believe that by Jesus' dying, death is destroyed forever. May we have eternal life... **All: AMEN**

Jesus humbled himself for our sakes. May we follow his example and share in his resurrection... **All: AMEN**

And may we always remember that we are blessed by God, who is Mother and Father, God who is Son, and God who is Holy Spirit... **All: AMEN**

Closing Song: Sing A New Song

Sing a new song unto the Lord Let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord Singing Alleluia

Yahweh's people dance for joy, O come before the Lord
And play for him on glad tambourines And let your trumpet sound
(Refrain)

Rise, O children from your sleep; Your Savior now has come
He has turned your sorrow to joy, And filled your soul with song.
(Refrain)

Glad my soul for I have seen The glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds, the dead shall be raised. I know my Savior lives
(Refrain)

Blessings to your day.
Remember..
Be all you are called to be.
As you are Light, so let your light shine!