

## WORSHIP AID: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - 2/21/2021

**PLEASE NOTE: Please take this home with you. Thank you!**

### Opening: Led By the Spirit

1. Led by the Spirit of our God, we go to fast and pray  
With Christ into the wilderness; we join his paschal way.  
"Rend not your garments, rend your hearts. Turn back your  
lives to me." Thus says our kind and gracious God, whose  
reign is liberty.

2. Led by the Spirit, we confront temptation face to face,  
and know full well we must rely on God's redeeming grace.  
On bread alone we cannot live, but nourished by the Word  
we seek the will of God to do; this is our drink and food.

### Kyrie Eleison

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A reading from the Book of Genesis:

**Genesis 13:1-2, 44-46**

God said to Noah and to his sons with him:

"See, I am now establishing my covenant with you  
and your descendants after you  
and with every living creature that was with you:  
all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals  
that were with you and came out of the ark.

I will establish my covenant with you,  
that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed  
by the waters of a flood;  
there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth."  
God added:

"This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come,  
of the covenant between me and you  
and every living creature with you:  
I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign  
of the covenant between me and the earth.  
When I bring clouds over the earth,  
and the bow appears in the clouds,  
I will recall the covenant I have made  
between me and you and all living beings,  
so that the waters shall never again become a flood  
to destroy all mortal beings."

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 25

**Response: To you, O Lord, I lift up, I lift up my soul, my God.**

Your ways, O Lord, make known to me;  
teach me your paths.  
Guide me in your truth, for you are my God,  
and for you I will wait.

**R. To you, O Lord, I lift up, I lift up my soul, my God.**

Good and upright is the Lord;  
he shows us the way.

He guides the meek to justice,  
he teaches the humble to follow his ways.

**R. To you, O Lord, I lift up, I lift up my soul, my God.**

Your way, O Lord,

is kindness to those who are true.

Your friendship is  
with those who love you;  
you reveal to them your Word.

**R. To you, O Lord, I lift up, I lift up my soul, my God.**

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter:

**1 Peter 3:18-22**

Beloved:

Christ suffered for sins once,  
the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous,  
that he might lead you to God.

Put to death in the flesh,  
he was brought to life in the Spirit.

In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison,  
who had once been disobedient  
while God patiently waited in the days of Noah  
during the building of the ark,  
in which a few persons, eight in all,  
were saved through water.

This prefigured baptism, which saves you now.

It is not a removal of dirt from the body  
but an appeal to God for a clear 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 subject to him.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

### Lenten Gospel Acclamation

**Cantor,** then **All** repeat: **Glory to You , O Word of God,  
Lord Jesus Christ. Glory to You , O Word of God, Lord  
Jesus Christ.**

One does not live on bread alone,

but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

**R. Glory to You , O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.  
Glory to You , O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ. .**

The Lord be with you:

**All: And with your spirit**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

**All: Glory to you, O Lord**

**Mark 1:12-15**

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert,  
and he remained in the desert for forty days,  
tempted by Satan.

He was among wild beasts,  
and the angels ministered to him.

After John had been arrested,

Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:

"This is the time of fulfillment.

The kingdom of God is at hand.

Repent, and believe in the gospel."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you , Lord Jesus Christ**

### Homily

**Nicene Creed:** I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and  
invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only  
Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;

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through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, **(all bow your heads for the next two lines)**

*and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day 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. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.  
Amen

### Preparation of Gifts Hymn: Gracious God

1. Lead us, Lord into the desert  
Lead us through the wilderness  
Through this journey we will follow  
For we long to see your face

2. In this time of sacred struggle,  
In this time of sacrifice  
We rejoice, for we remember  
That you lead us into life

**Refrain:** Gracious God, mercy is your name  
Redeeming love, you give your life away  
Gracious God, we bless your holy name  
Receiving love, we give our lives away

3. Lord, we hunger for your presence  
Lord, we're thirsting for your grace  
When consuming all but you, Lord  
All we gain is emptiness. **Refrain**

### Holy

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, 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, Hosanna in the highest.

### Mystery of Faith

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

**Amen**

### Our Father

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.

### Lamb of God

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world have mercy, have mercy on us  
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world have mercy, have mercy on us  
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world  
Grant us, grant us peace

### The Prayer of Spiritual Communion

"My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart,  
and allow me to unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen."

### Communion Hymn: On Eagle's Wings

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord  
Who abide in His shadow for life  
Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

**Refrain:** And He will raise you up on eagles' wings

Bear you on the breath of dawn

Make you to shine like the sun

And hold you in the palm of His hand

2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you

And famine will bring you no fear

Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield

**Refrain**

3. You need not fear the terror of the night

Nor the arrow that flies by day

Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come

**Refrain**

4. For to His angels He's given a command

To guard you in all of your ways

Upon their hands they will bear you up

Lest you dash your foot against a stone

**Refrain**

And hold you, hold you in the palm of His hand

**Solemn Dismissal (as is our tradition, during Lent we are all asked to leave Church in silence.)**

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