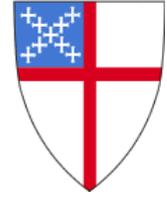




EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION



First Sunday in Lent

FEBRUARY 21, 2021 | YEAR B | RITE II

- MINISTRY OF THE WORD -

PRELUDE | OBLATION

| G. Böhm, b.1661

HYMN | #150 FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS

| G. H. Smyttan, b.1822



1. For - ty days and for - ty nights You were fast - ing in the wild;
2. Shall not we your sor - row share And from world - ly joys ab - stain,



1. For - ty days and for - ty nights Tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
2. Fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, Strong with you to suf - fer pain?

Words: George H Smyttan (1822-1870), Music: *Heinlein*. attr. Martin Herbst (1654-1681)

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The people's responses are in **bold**.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

| BCP 351

| Fr. Bob

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant Jesus said,

"The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.

The second is this:

Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

THE CONFESSION

| BCP 352

| Dcn. Lauri

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
All **Most merciful God,**
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

| BCP 353

| Fr. Bob

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
People **Amen.**

TRISAGION

| BCP 356

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Celebrant

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

| BCP 218

| Fr. Bob

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

People **Amen.**

Reader A reading from Genesis.

God 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.”

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, “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

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.**

Silence may follow.

Ad te, Domine, levavi [To you, Lord, I lifted]

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. Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. 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.

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. 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.

Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way. He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 3:18–22 (NRSV)

| Lector

Reader A reading from Peter.

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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL: MARK 1:9–15 (NRSV)

| Dcn. Lauri

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior, 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

| Fr. Bob

May the words of our lips, and the meditations of our hearts, be always acceptable to you, Lord God, our strength and redeemer. Amen.

All 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.

Deacon As our Savior, Christ, has taught us, let us now pray.

All

Our Father who art in heaven,	as we forgive those
hallowed be thy Name,	who trespass against us.
thy kingdom come,	And lead us not into temptation,
thy will be done,	but deliver us from evil.
on earth	For thine is the kingdom,
as it is in heaven.	and the power, and the glory,
Give us this day our daily bread.	for ever and ever.
And forgive us our trespasses	Amen.

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying,
"Lord, have mercy."

Silence

For the holy Church of God, that it may be
filled with truth and love, and be found
without fault at the day of your coming,
we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Diana,
our Bishop; and for all bishops and other
ministers, and for all the holy people of
God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord
Christ, that our divisions may cease, and
that all may be one as you and the Father
are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful
witness it may preach the Gospel to the
ends of the earth, we pray to you, O
Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of re-
spect and forbearance may grow among
nations and peoples, we pray to you, O
Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust, that
they may serve justice, and promote the
dignity and freedom of every person, we
pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for
the right use of the riches of creation,
that the world may be freed from pover-

ty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you,
O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all
who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and
all who are in danger; that they may be
relieved and protected, we pray to you, O
Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this congregation and for those who are
present, that we may be delivered from
hardness of heart, and show forth your
glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O
Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to
our prayers; for our families, friends, and
neighbors; that being freed from anxiety,
they may live in joy, peace, and health,
we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

The People may add their own petitions

For those we have named, we pray to you, O
Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of
your Church, and those whose faith is
known to you alone, that, with all the
saints, they may have rest in that place
where there is no pain or grief, but life
eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

We pray in gratitude for our new priest, Father
Birch; for Sharon, his wife; and for their
family. We also pray for St John's of
Wytheville, as they now enter a time of
transition. May Father Birch's move be

easy and joyous, we pray to you, O Lord. *Silence*
Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed
Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us
commend ourselves, and one another,
and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and
Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the
power and the glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

Celebrant adds a concluding collect

THE PEACE

| BCP 360

| Fr. Bob

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

| Fr. Bob

THE BLESSING

| BCP 339

| Fr. Bob

Celebrant Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole
trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving
providence; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

People **Amen**

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

DISMISSAL

| BCP 366

| Dcn. Lauri

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

POSTLUDE | *OBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, ALLZUGLEICH, Var. 5*

J. G. Walther, b.1684

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