

# FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

✠ MARCH 9, 2025 ✠

*656 A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD*

- 1** A mighty fortress is our God,  
A trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from ev'ry need  
That hath us now o'ertaken.  
The old evil foe  
Now means deadly woe;  
Deep guile and great might  
Are his dread arms in fight;  
On earth is not his equal.
- 2** With might of ours can naught be done,  
Soon were our loss effected;  
But for us fights the valiant One,  
Whom God Himself elected.  
Ask ye, Who is this?  
Jesus Christ it is,  
Of Sabaoth Lord,

**And there's none other God;  
He holds the field forever.**

**3 Though devils all the world should fill,  
All eager to devour us,  
We tremble not, we fear no ill;  
They shall not overpow'r us.  
This world's prince may still  
Scowl fierce as he will,  
He can harm us none.  
He's judged; the deed is done;  
One little word can fell him.**

**4 The Word they still shall let remain  
Nor any thanks have for it;  
He's by our side upon the plain  
With His good gifts and Spirit.  
And take they our life,  
Goods, fame, child, and wife,  
Though these all be gone,  
Our vict'ry has been won;  
The Kingdom ours remaineth.**

***(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)***

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

*422 ON MY HEART IMPRINT YOUR IMAGE*

**On my heart imprint Your image,**

**Blessèd Jesus, King of grace,**

**That life's riches, cares, and pleasures**

**Never may Your work erase;  
Let the clear inscription be:  
Jesus, crucified for me,  
Is my life, my hope's foundation,  
And my glory and salvation!**

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## *SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*OLD TESTAMENT READING* Deuteronomy 26:1–11

**A** The Old Testament Reading is from Deuteronomy, chapter 26.

<sup>1</sup>“When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. <sup>3</sup>And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’

<sup>4</sup>Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

<sup>5</sup>“And you shall make response before the LORD your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty,

and populous. <sup>6</sup>And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. <sup>7</sup>Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. <sup>9</sup>And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*EPISTLE*

Romans 10:8b–13

**A** The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 10.

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);  
<sup>9</sup>because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup>For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**(Stand)**

*HOLY GOSPEL*

Luke 4:1–13

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**



<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness <sup>2</sup>for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” <sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” <sup>5</sup>And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, <sup>6</sup>and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” <sup>8</sup>And Jesus answered him, “It is written,

“You shall worship the Lord your God,  
and him only shall you serve.”

<sup>9</sup>And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you,  
to guard you,’

<sup>11</sup>and

“On their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.”

<sup>12</sup>And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not  
put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>13</sup>And when the  
devil had ended every temptation, he departed from  
him until an opportune time.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*953 WE ALL BELIEVE IN ONE TRUE GOD*

**1 We all believe in one true God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Ever-present help in need,  
Praised by all the heav’nly host;  
All He made His love enfolds,  
All creation He upholds.**

**2 We all believe in Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Mary's son,  
Who descended from His throne  
And for us salvation won;  
By whose cross and death are we  
Rescued from all misery.**

**3 We all confess the Holy Ghost,  
Who from both in truth proceeds,  
Who sustains and comforts us  
In all trials, fears, and needs.  
Blessèd, holy Trinity,  
Praise forever be to Thee!**

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## *SERMON*

## *PRAYER OF THE CHURCH*

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For deliverance, that the Lord Most High would be our dwelling place and refuge against every evil and plague, and that by the work of the Holy Spirit we may be satisfied with His salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For missionaries, that the God of all nations would protect and provide for them as they proclaim the Word of faith and bring it near to all who will hear, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For parents, that God would bless them with all wisdom as they teach their children His ways, bestowing His riches in His Word, that all may confess Jesus as Lord, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the governing authorities, that God would protect them from every temptation of the devil, who falsely claims sovereignty over them, and

equip them to curb what is evil and promote what is good, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those in need of healing and restoration, [especially \_\_\_\_\_,] that God would answer their prayers, be with them in trouble and rescue them according to His gracious will, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For a right reception of the Lord's Supper, that God would unite His people in a true confession of His Word and bring them with penitent hearts to receive the great riches of His Son's body and blood, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For a proper stewardship of abundance, that the Lord who gives us all good things would grant us thankful hearts to declare His goodness and gladly support what He wills, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, see how the adversary continually afflicts us and walks about as a roaring lion seeking to devour us. We implore You for the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, to help us by the grace of the Holy Spirit and strengthen our hearts by Your Word, that our enemy would not prevail over us, but instead that we may abide evermore in Your grace and be preserved to life everlasting; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

*PREFACE*

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**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

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

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we

may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### *LORD'S PRAYER*

**C 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**



**forever and ever. Amen.**

**P** In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

*THE WORDS OF OUR LORD*

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**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

*960 ISAIAH, MIGHTY SEER IN DAYS OF OLD*

**Isaiah, mighty seer in days of old,  
The Lord of all in spirit did behold  
High on a lofty throne, in splendor bright,  
With robes that filled the temple courts with  
light.**

**Above the throne were flaming seraphim;  
Six wings had they, these messengers of Him.  
With two they veiled their faces as was right,  
With two they humbly hid their feet from sight,  
And with the other two aloft they soared;  
One to the other called and praised the Lord:**

**“Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!**

**Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!**

**Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!**

**His glory fills the heavens and the earth!”**

**The beams and lintels trembled at the cry,  
And clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne on  
high.**

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*PAX DOMINI*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

*AGNUS DEI*

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**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away  
the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away  
the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away  
the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

*427 IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY*

**1** In the cross of Christ I glory,  
    Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story  
    Gathers round its head sublime.

**2** When the woes of life o'ertake me,  
    Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me;  
    Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

**3** When the sun of bliss is beaming  
Light and love upon my way,  
From the cross the radiance streaming  
Adds more luster to the day.

**4** Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure  
By the cross are sanctified;  
Peace is there that knows no measure,  
Joys that through all time abide.

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*617 O LORD, WE PRAISE THEE*

**1** O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore  
Thee,  
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.  
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst  
nourish  
Our weak souls that they may flourish:  
O Lord, have mercy!  
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,  
That our sins and sorrows did carry,  
And Thy blood for us plead

**In all trial, fear, and need:**

**O Lord, have mercy!**

**2 Thy holy body into death was given,**

**Life to win for us in heaven.**

**No greater love than this to Thee could bind  
us;**

**May this feast thereof remind us!**

**O Lord, have mercy!**

**Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee**

**That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.**

**All our debt Thou hast paid;**

**Peace with God once more is made:**

**O Lord, have mercy!**

**3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor**

**That we follow Christ our Savior**

**And live together here in love and union**

**Nor despise this blest Communion!**

**O Lord, have mercy!**

**Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;**

**Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;**

**Give Thy Church, Lord, to see  
Days of peace and unity:  
O Lord, have mercy!**

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*POST-COMMUNION COLLECT*

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*BENEDICTION*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C Amen.**

## *ANNOUNCEMENTS*

### *333 ONCE HE CAME IN BLESSING*

- 1 Once He came in blessing,  
All our sins redressing;  
Came in likeness lowly,  
Son of God most holy;  
Bore the cross to save us;  
Hope and freedom gave us.**
  
- 2 Now He gently leads us;  
With Himself He feeds us  
Precious food from heaven,  
Pledge of peace here given,  
Manna that will nourish  
Souls that they may flourish.**

**3    Soon will come that hour  
When with mighty power  
      Christ will come in splendor  
      And will judgment render,  
With the faithful sharing  
Joy beyond comparing.**

**4    Come, then, O Lord Jesus,  
From our sins release us.  
      Keep our hearts believing,  
      That we, grace receiving,  
Ever may confess You  
Till in heav'n we bless You.**

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