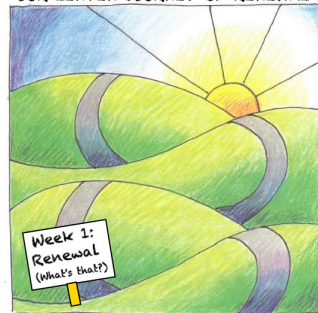


# The First Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2019 • 8:00 AM Service  
Holy Communion: Rite One  
Renewal

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY OF RENEWAL



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## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

*In God, My Faithful God*

J. Brahms

### WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MISSION MOMENT

Pastor/  Deacon/  Lector/  Congregation/  All

### ACCLAMATION

*[Please stand.]*

- Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;
- His mercy endureth for ever. Amen.**

### GATHERING PRAYER

- We pray together for the renewal of our lives as the Holy Spirit works in, with, and among us this Lenten season.
- Blessed are you, God of growth and discovery; yours is the inspiration that has altered and changed our lives; yours is the power that has brought us to new dangers and opportunities. Set us, your new creation, to walk through this new world, watching and learning, loving and trusting, until your kingdom comes. Amen.**

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

- The Lord be with you.
- And with thy Spirit.**
- Let us pray... Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- Amen.**

## WORD OF GOD

**THE READINGS:** Lamentations 3:18–26 • Psalm 103:1–8 • 1 Corinthians 12:31, 13:4–8a

• Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

*[Please be seated.]*

### The First Reading

℣ *The First Reading is taken from Lamentations, chapter 3...*

I thought: My future is gone, as well as my hope from the Lord. The memory of my suffering and homelessness is bitterness and poison. I can't help but remember and am depressed. I call all this to mind—therefore, I will wait.

Certainly the faithful love of the Lord hasn't ended; certainly God's compassion isn't through! They are renewed every morning. Great is your faithfulness. I think: The Lord is my portion! Therefore, I'll wait for him. The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the person who seeks him. It's good to wait in silence for the Lord's deliverance.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

### The Psalm: *[read responsively]*

℣ *We will read responsively from Psalm 103...*

℣ Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

☩ **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

℣ He forgives all your sins and heals all your infirmities;

☩ **He redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;**

℣ He satisfies you with good things, and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

☩ **The LORD executes righteousness and judgment for all who are oppressed.**

℣ He made his ways known to Moses and his works to the children of Israel.

☩ **The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.**

### The Second Reading:

℣ *The Second Reading is taken from 1 Corinthians, chapters 12 and 13...*

Use your ambition to try to get the greater gifts. And I'm going to show you an even better way.

Love is patient, love is kind, it isn't jealous, it doesn't brag, it isn't arrogant, it isn't rude, it doesn't seek its own advantage, it isn't irritable, it doesn't keep a record of complaints, it isn't happy with injustice, but it is happy with the truth. Love puts up with all things, trusts in all things, hopes for all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel:

*[Please stand.]*

Ⓓ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

☩ **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Ⓓ [Jesus said,] “Be careful that you don't practice your religion in front of people to draw their attention. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

“Whenever you give to the poor, don't blow your trumpet as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets so that they may get praise from people. I assure you, that's the only reward they'll get. But when you give to the poor, don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing so that you may give to the poor in secret. Your Father who sees what you do in secret will reward you.

“When you pray, don't be like hypocrites. They love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners so that people will see them. I assure you, that's the only reward they'll get. But when you pray, go to your room, shut the door, and pray to your Father who is present in that secret place. Your Father who sees what you do in secret will reward you.

“And when you fast, don't put on a sad face like the hypocrites. They distort their faces so people will know they are fasting. I assure you that they have their reward. When you fast, brush your hair and wash your face. Then you won't look like you are fasting to people, but only to your Father who is present in that secret place. Your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“Stop collecting treasures for your own benefit on earth, where moth and rust eat them and where thieves break in and steal them. Instead, collect treasures for yourselves in heaven, where moth and rust don't eat them and where thieves don't break in and steal them. Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Ⓓ The Gospel of the Lord.

☩ **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Becky Robbins-Penniman

*[Please be seated.]*

**NICENE CREED**

*[Please stand.]*

☩ **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.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*[Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.]*

**D** Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

**L** Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all humanity: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. God of mercy and renewal,

**C we pray to you.**

**L** Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, especially to Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Dabney, our Bishop; Barry and Michael, our Assisting Bishops; Becky, our Rector; Cindy, our Deacon; Ann, our Priest Associate; to our companion diocese of the Dominican Republic; to these Episcopal Churches in our Diocese: St. John the Divine, Ruskin; Grace, Tampa; Holy Trinity, Clearwater; to the Clearwater Deanery Collaboration Partners; and to all priests, deacons, and the laity in their ministry; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. God of mercy and renewal,

**C we pray to you.**

**L** And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. God of mercy and renewal,

**C we pray to you.**

**L** We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially President Trump, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. We pray that all God's children, especially those in the Middle East, might live in the hope of the world peace for which we are created. God of mercy and renewal,

**C we pray to you.**

**L** And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor *[Add handwritten names from notebook]* and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those listed in the weekly news who have asked for our prayers. I now invite you to pray for others by name, aloud or in your hearts. *[Time is left for people to speak.]* God of mercy and renewal,

**C we pray to you.**

℣ Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. We give thanks for all the blessings of this life [*especially... read from notebook*]. God of mercy and renewal,

☩ **we pray to you.**

℣ And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear [*especially... add names from notebook*]. We beseech thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. God of mercy and renewal,

☩ **we pray to you.**

℣ Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

☩ **Amen.**

### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

℣ Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

℣ **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

℣ **We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. 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 you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

☩ **Amen.**

### PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS

#### THE PEACE

[*Please stand.*]

℣ The peace of the Lord be always with you.

☩ **And with thy spirit.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### OFFERTORY MUSIC

#### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

℣ Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Bring your tithes, gifts and offering with gladness.

[*Please be seated.*]

## PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

*[Please stand when the deacon receives the offering.]*

℟ As we receive these gifts, we acknowledge:

☩ **All things come from thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer I

℟ The Lord be with you.

☩ **And with thy spirit.**

℟ Lift up your hearts.

☩ **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

℟ Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

☩ **It is meet and right so to do.**

℟ It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Who dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

☩ **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*[Please kneel or stand, as you choose.]*

℟ All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

- Ⓟ Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

- Ⓞ **And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.**

**And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.**

- Ⓟ And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;
- Ⓟ By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

Ⓞ **AMEN.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

- Ⓟ And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,
- Ⓞ **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### BREAKING OF THE BREAD

- Ⓟ Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
- Ⓞ **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

- ☐ The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*[You may be seated. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn to go to the altar rail. You may stand or kneel. To receive, hold your hands in front of you, one palm over the other. The priest will place a wafer there. You may either consume it immediately, and then sip from the cup of wine when it comes to you, or, you may wait and dip the wafer into the wine. When you are finished, please return to your seat by the side aisle.]*

**Our Prayer Team will be in the south narthex (at the back of the church) during Holy Communion to pray with you for healing, guidance, a loved one, or anything else on your heart.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*[Please kneel or stand, as you choose.]*

- ☐ Let us pray.

☑ **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

*[Please stand.]*

- ☐ God give you open ears that the Word may revive you; an open mind that the Spirit may refresh you, and an open heart that Love may renew you; and the blessing of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always.

☑ **Amen.**

### **THE DISMISSAL**

- ☐ Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

*Fugue on the Kyrie*

P. DuMage

### **Serving Us Today:**

|                         |                        |                 |                 |
|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Celebrant</b>        | Becky Robbins-Penniman | <b>Deacon</b>   | Cindy Roehl     |
| <b>Priest Associate</b> | Ann Chaplin            | <b>Organist</b> | Robert Moncrief |
| <b>Chalicer</b>         | Cheryl Sharpe          | <b>Lector</b>   | Rhiannon Sharpe |
| <b>Prayers</b>          | Cheryl Sharpe          | <b>Greeter</b>  | Jay Harvey      |
|                         |                        | <b>Usher</b>    | John Schmidt    |