

The First Sunday in Lent

February 26, 2023

8:00 AM Service

Holy Communion: Rite I



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Services: Sunday at 8 and 10 AM • Wednesday at 6 PM

Our Sunday 10:00 AM service is livestreamed

WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

Masks are recommended, but not required.

Restrooms: Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

We have gluten-free wafers available: Please request one when you come to the altar rail.

Standing, sitting, and kneeling: Throughout the bulletin, there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

A gentle Reminder: Please enter the Nave Quietly and reverently and silence your phones.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please remain seated.

ACCLAMATION

Please stand.

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.
People **His mercy endureth for ever.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

All **Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.
All **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy Spirit.**

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.

All **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Lector *The First Reading is taken from Genesis chapter 2...*

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 32

Lector *We will read responsively Psalm 32...*

Lector Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

People **Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

Lector While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

People **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

Lector Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

People **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

Lector Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

People **You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

Lector "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.

People **Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."**

Lector Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

People Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 5:12-19

Lector *The Second Reading is taken from Romans chapter 5...*

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

Please stand.

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Deacon Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON The Rev. Whitney Burton

NICENE CREED *Please stand.*

People **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.

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

Lector Dear People of God: Jesus taught his disciples that what we do for the least of God's children we do for Christ. Let us pray, therefore, that as we walk The Way of Love with compassion, mercy, justice and reconciliation in our hearts, we may inspire the Church and the world to serve Christ in the other.

Silence

Lector God of grace and love,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector Let us pray for the staff and partners of Episcopal Relief & Development as they

facilitate healthier, more fulfilling lives in communities struggling with hunger, poverty, disaster and disease. We pray that their programs truly change the lives of those they work with for the better and that you guide them as your servants in the world.

Silence

Lector God of grace and love,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector Let us pray for the poor and the hungry throughout the world, that poverty and hunger in all its forms may end and that all peoples, especially the children in countries both rich and poor, may realize improved nutrition and food security.

Silence

Lector God of grace and love,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector Let us pray for the good health and well-being of all people, building on the progress that has been made and working to reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from pollution-related diseases as we continue our efforts to reduce the spread of all infectious disease. Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially . . . [*add names from notebook*] and those we now name aloud or in our hearts [*leave time*].

Silence

Lector God of grace and love,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector Let us pray for schools and centers of learning throughout the world, to ensure free, inclusive and equitable high-quality education, promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all of God's people.

Silence

Lector God of grace and love,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector Let us pray for an end to the divisions and inequalities that scar God's creation, especially the barriers to freedom faced by God's children throughout the world because of gender; providing women and girls with equal access to education, health care, a living wage, and equal political and economic representation; so that all who have been formed in God's image, both male and female, might know equality in the pursuit of the blessings of creation.

Silence

Lector God of grace and love,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector Let us pray for this fragile earth, our island home, that we may be emboldened to act on behalf of all of God's creation on land, in the seas and oceans, and in the air; protecting, restoring and promoting the sustainable use of the land God commanded us to till and keep so that it will continue to bring forth the fruits of the earth in abundance.

Silence

Lector God of grace and love,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector Let us pray for justice and peace throughout the earth, following the way of Jesus and learning from his example, seeking to serve him in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves and respecting the dignity of every human being.

Silence

Lector God of grace and love,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector Bless all whose lives are closely lined with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in the, and love one another as he loves us. We give you thanks for the flowers given today to the Glory of God and for all the blessings of this life, especially the birthdays this week of Kristie Hazel-Wilbur, Heather Elder, and David Thornton.

Lector God of grace and love,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector Let us pray for the departed, particularly those who have died as a result of poverty, hunger, disease, violence, or hardness of the human heart and for those you wish to name at this time. We commend to your mercy all who have died, (especially . . . [*add names from notebook*]) and those we now name aloud or in our hearts [*leave time*].

Silence

Lector God of grace and love,

People **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant continues:

Eternal God, continue to grace your people with the will to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you as we discern your presence in all challenges we face, for we have been redeemed by your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Prayers provided by Episcopal Relief and Development

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Please kneel or stand.

Deacon Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God. [*Silence is kept.*] Most merciful God,

People **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.**

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE *Please stand.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Please be seated.

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Deacon As we receive these gifts, we acknowledge

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer II

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant *(Here a proper preface is read.)*

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

People **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.

Celebrant All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for 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 to thee, he broke 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 this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, 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, we thy people do

celebrate and make, 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; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

Celebrant and People **And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;**

Celebrant 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.

People **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People **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

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to receive the Sacrament. If you would like to receive wine you may do so by sipping from the chalice or allowing the Eucharistic Minister to intinct (dip) the wafer for you.

If you desire a blessing instead of Communion, cross your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **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.**

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Please stand.

Celebrant

People **Amen.**

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God!**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Whitney Burton
Deacon	The Rev. Cindy Roehl
Crucifer/Chalicer	Laura McGary
Lector	Edward Hopwood
Prayers of the People	Laura McGary
Ushers	John Schmidt & Jay Harvey

Prayers are requested for:

The Week of Feb 19 – Carol B, Pam H, Barbara G, Marcie, Fernando U, Bob H, Arlene, Bob S, Steven P, Bill G, Jamie, Rob M, Randy, Rick R, Al R, Jeffrey N, Jim, Bobby M, Bridget H, Marilyn, Rick, Jimmy C, Gail Marie, Jason C, Breanna B, Liza H, Elliot T, Chris & Steve E, Jerry, Kathy W, Bonnie L, Christopher J, Jackson B, Milly L, Elena G, Carol C, Heather S, Colette S, Linda B, Lou F, Linda H, John B, Lynne M, Greg & Lynn, Adriana P, Linda C, Brent S, Marcia K.

Celebrations this week: Birthdays – Kristie Hazel-Wilbur, Heather Elder, and David Thornton.

Announcements

Lenten Adult Formation: Deacon Cindy will lead a Lenten program from a book entitled Wondrous Encounters - Scripture For Lent written by Richard Rohr. These classes will be held each Sunday between services at 9:15 to 9:45 AM through March 26. Join us as we prepare ourselves for the greatest gift ever given.

Conversations with Jesus: A Lenten Study Series - We hope you will join us at 6:00 PM Wednesdays in Lent (Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29) for Worship, Study, and Eucharist in the church followed by an opportunity for fellowship and soup supper in Kirk Hall. Children's programming is also provided. Please check the website or contact the church office for more information.

Patio Pavers: We are accepting orders for patio pavers through the month of February. If you would like to leave your legacy at COGS by purchasing an engraved commemorative paver, please check our website for details and forms or contact the church office.

COGS Holy Week Services:

Sunday, April 2 @ 8 AM & 10 AM - Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 6 @ 6:30 PM – Maundy Thursday

Friday, April 7 @ NOON & 6:30 PM – Good Friday

Saturday, April 8 @ 6:30 PM – Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 9 @ 8 AM & 10 AM – Easter Sunday

Stations of the Cross – The Stations of the Cross icons are on the walls of the church. If you would like to walk the Stations on your own, the Church will be open and bulletins will be available 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM every Thursday in March for Lent.