

Sunday 6 March 2022

First Sunday of Lent

## Hymns, Readings, and Collect

### Opening Hymn: Forty days and forty nights

Forty days and forty nights  
thou wast fasting in the wild;  
forty days and forty nights  
tempted, and yet undefiled.

Sunbeams scorching all the day;  
chilly dew-drops nightly shed;  
prowling beasts about thy way;  
stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.

Shall not we thy sorrows share,  
and from earthly joys abstain,  
fasting with unceasing prayer,  
glad with thee to suffer pain?

And if Satan, vexing sore,  
flesh or spirit should assail,  
thou, his vanquisher before,  
grant we may not faint nor fail.

So shall we have peace divine;  
holier gladness ours shall be;  
round us too shall angels shine,  
such as ministered to thee.

Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,  
ever constant by thy side;  
that with thee we may appear  
at th'eternal Eastertide.

*Aus der Tiefe 67 NEH*

### The Collect

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:  
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;  
and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save;  
through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### The New Testament Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

But what does scripture say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

This is the word of the Lord.

*Romans 10: 8b–13*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation: Bless the Lord, my soul

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

*Taize Community*

### The Gospel

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished.

The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."'

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Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."'

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." ' Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." '

When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*St Luke 4: 1-13*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Offertory Hymn: In Christ alone**

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
 he is my light, my strength, my song;  
 this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
 firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
 What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
 when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
 My Comforter, my All in All,  
 here in the love of Christ I stand.

There in the ground his body lay,  
 light of the world by darkness slain;  
 Then bursting forth in glorious day  
 up from the grave he rose again!  
 And as he stands in victory  
 sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
 for I am his and he is mine—  
 bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
 this is the power of Christ in me;  
 from life's first cry to final breath,  
 Jesus commands my destiny.  
 No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
 can ever pluck me from his hand:  
 till he returns or calls me home,  
 here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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**Communion Hymn: Broken for me**

*Broken for me, broken for you,  
 the body of Jesus broken for you*

He offered his body, he poured out his soul,  
 Jesus was broken that we might be whole:

*Refrain:*

Come to my table and with me dine,  
 eat of my bread and drink of my wine:

*Refrain:*

This is my body given for you,  
 eat it remembering I died for you:

*Refrain:*

This is my blood I shed for you,  
 for your forgiveness, making you new:

*Refrain:*

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**Anthem: Ubi Caritas**

Ubi Caritas, ubi caritas Deus ibi est.  
 Where there is charity and love God is there.  
 Where there is charity and love God is always there.  
 We have gathered in this place, joining hearts in love and praise.  
 Giving thanks to God above, we go out to serve with love  
 Where there is charity and love God is there.  
 Where there is charity and love God is always there.  
 Ubi caritas, ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

*Becki Slagle Mayo  
 Based on John 13*

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**Dismissal: Praise to the holiest in the height**

Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise,  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.

O loving wisdom of our God!  
when all was sin and shame,  
a second Adam to the fight  
and to the rescue came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood,  
which did in Adam fail,  
should strive afresh against their foe,  
should strive and should prevail;

and that a higher gift than grace  
should flesh and blood refine,  
God's presence and his very self,  
and essence all-divine.

O generous love! that he, who smote  
in Man for man the foe,  
the double agony in Man  
for man should undergo;

and in the garden secretly,  
and on the cross on high,  
should teach his brethren, and inspire  
to suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise,  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.

*Gerontius 439i NEH*