

# The First Sunday in Lent

*Holy Eucharist: Rite I*

Saint Paul's Episcopal Church | Waco, TX | February 26, 2023 | 8:00 AM

## The Great Litany

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*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

O God the Father, Creator of Heaven and earth,  
***Have mercy upon us.***

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
***Have mercy upon us.***

O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,  
***Have mercy upon us.***

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,  
***Have mercy upon us.***

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us, for ever.  
***Spare us, good Lord.***

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,  
***Good Lord, deliver us.***

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,  
***Good Lord, deliver us.***

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,  
***Good Lord, deliver us.***

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,  
***Good Lord, deliver us.***

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of blessed Paul all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

*Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*Have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*Have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*Grant us thy peace.*

O Christ, hear us.

**O Christ, hear us.**

*Celebrant* Kyrie eleison

*People* **Christie eleison**

*Celebrant* Kyrie eleison

## **The Collect of the Day**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

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 of Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Lessons**

*The people sit.*

**The First Lesson:** *Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7*

*Lector* A Reading from Genesis.

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.***

**The Response: Psalm 32** *(Read responsively by whole verse)*

**1** Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
and whose sin is put away!

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

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

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

**5** Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  
and did not conceal my guilt.

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

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

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

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

**10** 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."

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

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

## **The Second Lesson: *Romans 5:12-19***

*Lector*        A Reading from Romans.

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***

*Then, all standing, the minister appointed reads the Gospel.*

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

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

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.

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

## **The Sermon**

*The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher, the Rev. Brandon S. McGinnis, Assistant Rector*

## **The Nicene Creed**

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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.

## The Peace

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*All stand for the exchange of the peace.*

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

*People*          ***And with thy spirit.***

*The ministers and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## The Offertory

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good thy vows unto the Most High.

*People may offer the fruit of their time and labor by placing a financial gift in the offering plate as it is passed through the pews, or by securely giving online at [saintpaulswaco.org/give](http://saintpaulswaco.org/give).*



# The Holy Communion

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## The Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharistic Prayer I

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

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 to the Lord our God.

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

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

*Celebrant and 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.**

*The people kneel or stand.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated*

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, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN.

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

*People and Celebrant*

**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.

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

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*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

*The Clergy and other Ministers prepare the Eucharistic elements.*

## **The Prayer of Humble Access**

*The Celebrant and People say the following together*

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Communion will be distributed at the altar rail. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion at the usher's or acolyte's direction. If you would prefer to receive communion from your pew, you may remain seated during altar rail distribution. A priest will come down to the congregation for anyone wishing to remain in the pew. You may raise your hand to get their attention.*

*After Communion the People kneel or stand, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and 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

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*Celebrant*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

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*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**



## The Worship Leadership 8:00 AM

Celebrant and Preacher	The Rev. Brandon S. McGinnis, <i>Assistant Priest</i>
Lector and Intercessor	K Paul Holt
Vestry Host	Erika Jones
Altar Guild	Team IV: Retha Tucker, Anne Barrett, Cyndie Burgess, JoAn Felton, Lea Ann Locke, Nancy McGovern, Donna Miller, Pati Milligan, Toni Riley, Ginger Strickland, Renee Yawn, Carl Ballew

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### Altar Flowers

The Greenery on the Altar is given by Asa and Pat Waterman to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren.

### Prayer for Birthdays

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### Prayer for Anniversaries

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*