

# MARCH 1, 2009

## FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

### The Brief Order of Confession

As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of Christ's love, let us confess our sin and ask the Lord for pardon and strength:

Gracious God,  
you know the depths of our sins against you, each other, and your whole creation; have mercy on us. We pray for forgiveness we cannot earn and renewal we do not merit, given only through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Cantor:**

**Congregation:**

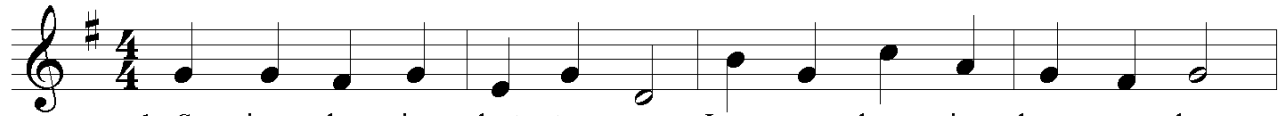


*(refrain after each intercession)*

God knows and loves us completely, just as we are. Through water and word, Spirit and saving Son, we are cleansed from sin, joined with the communion of saints, and brought to new and abundant life. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Live in newness of life.

**C: Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN – “Savior When In Dust To You”



1. Sav-ior, when in dust to you Low we bow in hom-age due;  
 2. By your help-less in-fant years, By your life of want and tears,  
 3. By your hour of dire de-spair, By your ag-o-ny of prayer,



When, re-pen-tant, to the skies Scarce we lift our weep-ing eye;  
 By your days of deep dis-tress In the sav-age wil-der-ness,  
 By the cross, the nail, the thorn, Pierc-ing spear, and tor-turing scorn,



Oh, by all your pains and woe Suf-fered once for us be-low,  
 By the dread, mys-te-rious hour Of the in-sult-ing tempt-er's pow'r,  
 By the gloom that veiled the skies O'er the dread-ful sac-ri-fice,



Bend-ing from your throne on high, Hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!  
 Turn oh turn a fav-ring eye; Hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!  
 Lis-ten to our hum-ble sigh; Hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!

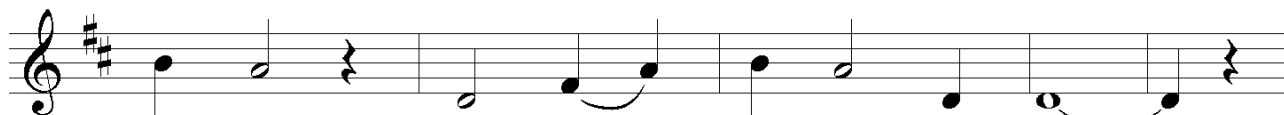
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 Tune: Spanish Hymn

- P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**C:** **And also with you**

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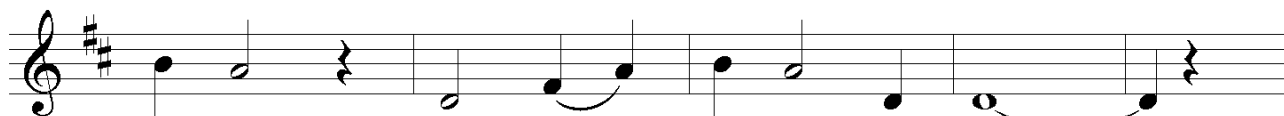
**Cantor:** You were sent to heal the con - trite: Lord, have



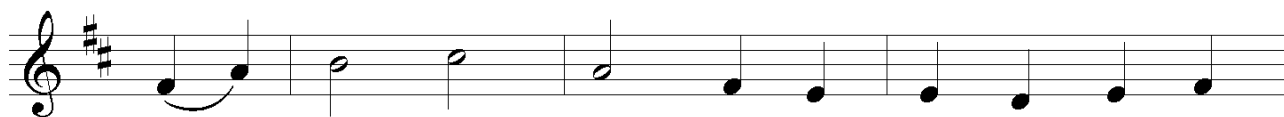
mer - cy. **All:** Lord, have mer - cy on us.



**Cantor:** You came to call sin - ners: Christ, have



mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy on us.



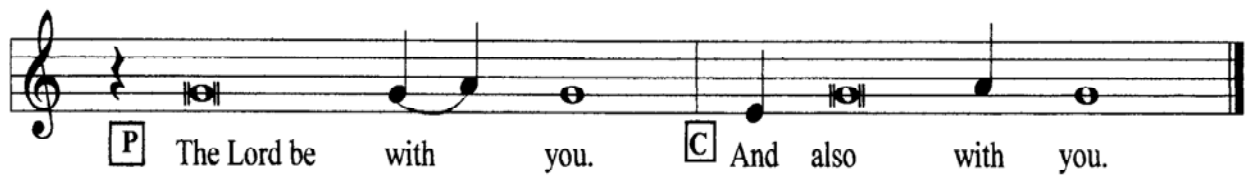
**Cantor:** You plead for us at the right hand of the



Fa - ther, Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



**All:** Lord, have mer - cy on us.



P: Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

**FIRST READING Genesis 9:8-17**

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 25 (Congregation may remain seated)**



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## SECOND READING 1 Peter 3:18-22

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### LENTEN VERSE



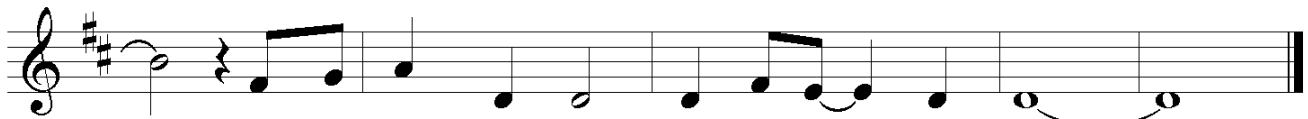
Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord. Let your



stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.

P: The Holy Gospel according to **St. Mark 1:9-15**

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### GOSPEL:

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

# SERMON

## A TIME OF SILENCE

### THE HYMN OF THE DAY – “O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days”



1. O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you  
2. You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your  
3. Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and  
4. Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance  
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your  
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -  
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.  
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.  
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.  
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernanman, 1838-1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930  
Tune: SHANTI, CM; Marty Haugen, b 1950. © GIA Publications.

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under

Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **THE PRAYERS**

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,  
and for all people according to their needs.

**(Worshippers may kneel or sit)**

*After each portion of the prayers:*

A: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

## **THE PEACE**

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

**C: And also with you.**

## **OFFERING**

*Note: Please place the attendance sheet in the offering plate today as an "offering of your attendance."*

Please rise when the gifts come forward.

## OFFERTORY - "Now Behold the Lamb"

The musical score is written on four staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The lyrics are: "Now be - hold the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God, who bore all my sin, that I may live a - gain, the pre - cious Lamb of God." The final note of the fourth staff is a whole note G4, followed by a double bar line.

Now be - hold the Lamb, the  
pre - cious Lamb of God, who  
bore all my sin, that I may live a - gain, the  
pre - cious Lamb of God.

Text and Music: Kirk Franklin, b. 1970 © 1996 Lilly Mack Music

A: Let us pray. Merciful God,

**C: we cry out for the hope and healing you offer. Guide us continually to your service. Make us your hands to feed the hungry and prepare us to receive the bread of life, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

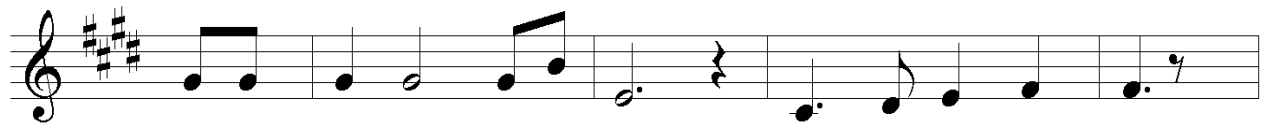


P: It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for in tenderness and faithful love you forgive our sins and guide us when we stray.

When the ancient flood destroyed the world you had created, you saved Noah and his family from the waters, and established a covenant with them and with every living creature for all time.

In later times your Son, Jesus, came forth from the waters of baptism, and after proving himself in the wilderness where waves of temptation threatened to engulf him, he began proclaiming the good news of your kingdom, calling people to repent and believe in the gospel. He was cast down to the land of the dead where he preached even to those lost in the flood, but you raised him to new life and seated him at your side to reign over every authority and power for ever.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -



est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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: The Gifts of God for the people of God.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### COMMUNION NOTES

1. All are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper.
2. **EVERYONE**—children AND ADULTS—is welcome to come forward for a **BLESSING** from the Pastor, if they are not receiving the Lord's Supper.
3. **Intinction or Common Cup** is available, or you may receive just the host. You may kneel at the rail following communion.

### LAMB OF GOD

1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
2. Prince of Peace, you take a - way the

sins of the world: have mer - cy on  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on

us; have mer - cy on us.  
us; have mer - cy on us.

3. Word made flesh, you take a - way the

sins of the world; grant us

peace; grant us peace.

# COMMUNION HYMN – “All Who Hunger”

1. All who hun - ger, gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly  
 2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er,  
 3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus

man - na is our bread. Come from wil - der -  
 be a wel - come guest. Come from rest - less -  
 Christ is liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li -

ness and wan -d'ring. Here, in truth, we will be  
 ness and roam - ing. Here, in joy, we keep the  
 ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been

fed. You that yearn for days of full - ness,  
 feast. We that once were lost and scat - tered  
 led. Blest are those who from this ta - ble

all a - round us is our food.  
 in com - mun - ion's love have stood.  
 live their lives in grat - i - tude.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.

Taste and see that God is good.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993.  
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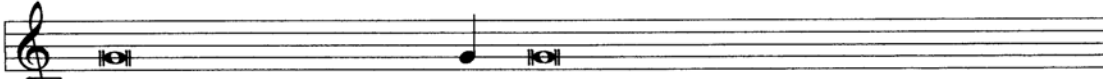
**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
 strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**C:** **Amen**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER


P. Generous God, you have fed and renewed us in your holy meal. Send us into the world you love. Through our fasting and devotion draw us to you and to our neighbors, that we may break bonds of injustice, feed the hungry, and set the oppressed free. In Jesus' name we pray.

**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 grant you peace. **C** A - men.

# RECESSIONAL - "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"



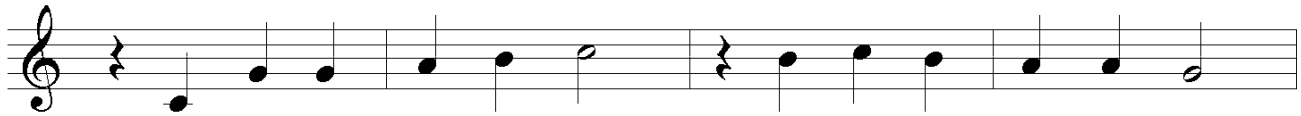
1. A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -  
 2. No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -  
 3. God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And  
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom  
 fear it; For God him - self fights by our side With



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
 wea - pons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



Has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
 Goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way,



He arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 They can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er.

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**