**The First Sunday in Lent**

**February 21, 2021 10:30 a. m.**

**Prelude:** "O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß" *J. S. Bach*

(Mankind bewail thy grievous sin)

*Wayne Hatwich, Organist*

**Opening Hymn:** “Now let us all with one accord” **Hymn #147**

v. 1, 2, 5

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| 1. Now let us all with one accord, in company with ages past, keep vigil with our heavenly Lord in his temptation and his fast. | 1. The covenant, so long revealed to those of faith in former time, Christ by his own example sealed, the Lord of love, in love sublime. |
| 1. Therefore, we pray you, Lord, forgive; so when   our wanderings here shall cease, we may with  you forever live, in love and unity and peace. | | |

**“The Great Litany”**

Leader: O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

*People: Have mercy upon us.*

Leader: O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

*People: Have mercy upon us.*

Leader: O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,

*People: Have mercy upon us.*

Leader:O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,

*People: Have mercy upon us.*

Leader: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.

*People: Spare us, good Lord.*

Leader:From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting

damnation,

*People: Good Lord, deliver us.*

Leader:From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and

from all want of charity,

*People: Good Lord, deliver us.*

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

*People: Good Lord, deliver us.*

Leader: From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and

from dying suddenly and unprepared,

*People: Good Lord, deliver us.*

Leader: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,

*People: Good Lord, deliver us.*

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

judgment,

*People: Good Lord, deliver us.*

Leader: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,

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

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

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

Leader: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,

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

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

commandments,

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

Leader: 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,

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

Leader: That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and

concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

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

Leader:That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the

hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

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

Leader:That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due

time all may enjoy them,

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

Leader:That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to

do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

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

Leader:That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and

to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

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

*Leader:* 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,

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

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

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

Leader: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,

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

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

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

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

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

**The Collect for The Day**

Celebrant:The Lord be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**A**lmighty 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. **Amen**

**Lenten Verse:** “My Song is Love Unknown”  **Hymn #458**

*Vocalist: Jennifer Smith* v. 1, 2

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| 1. My song is love unknown, my Savior’s love to me, love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be. O who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die? | 1. He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow, but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know. But O my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend. |

**The Lessons**

**Old Testament**

**A Reading from Genesis** *Genesis 9:8-17*

**G**od said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

**The Word of the Lord**

*People: Thanks be to God*

**Psalm 25:1-9**

 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.

5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**New Testament Reading**

**A Reading from the First Letter of Peter** *I Peter 3:18-22*

**C**hrist also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

**The Word of the Lord.**

*People: Thanks be to God*

**Gradual Hymn:** “Lord, who throughout these forty days” **Hymn #142**

v. 1, 4. 5

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| 1. Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray, teach us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay. | 1. And through these days of penitence, and through thy Passiontide, yea, evermore, in life and death, Jesus! with us abide. |
| 1. Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering overpast, an Easter of unending joy   we may attain at last! |  |

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark *Mark 1:9-15*

*Glory to you, Lord Christ*

**I**n those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Sermon**  The Reverend Diane Tomlinson

**The Nicene Creed**

*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**

**Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you**.

*People: And also with you.*

**Offertory:** “Ich ruf’ zu dir” *J. S. Bach* “I call to thee, Lord Jesus Christ"

**THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE**

*(The people stand as the bread and wine are presented at the altar. Then they may be seated.)*

**Celebrant:**All things come of thee O Lord.

*People:**And of thine own have we given thee.*

*(standing)*

**Eucharistic Prayer A**

**Celebrant:**The Lord be with you.

*People:**And also with you.*

**Celebrant:**Lift up your hearts.

*People:**We lift them to the Lord.*

**Celebrant:**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:**It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

*Celebrant:* **I**t is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was

tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over

every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose

again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the

company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. (†) Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant:* **H**oly and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when

we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent

Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as

one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your

will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took

bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,

and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the

remembrance of me.” **(†)**

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to

them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is

shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this

for the remembrance of me.” **(†)**

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Celebrant and People**

*Christ has died.*

*Christ is risen.*

*Christ will come again.*

**W**e celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify **(†)** us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

**Lord’s Prayer**

**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.

**Communion Hymn**: “Let all mortal flesh keep silence” **Hymn #324** v. 1, 2, 3

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| 1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand. | 1. King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the Body and the Blood he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food. |
| 1. Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its   vanguard on the way, as the Light of Light  descendeth from the realms of endless day,  that the powers of hell may vanish as the  darkness clears away. | |

**Postcommunion Prayer**

**Celebrant:**Let us pray.

**Celebrant** **and People:**

*Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord.* **Amen.**

**Blessing (†)**

**Closing Hymn:** “The glory of these forty days” **Hymn #143**

v. 1, 2, 4

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| 1. The glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise; for Christ, by whom all things were made, himself has fasted and has prayed. | 1. Alone and fasting Moses saw the loving God who gave the law; and to Elijah, fasting, came the steeds and chariots of flame. |
| 1. Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full oft   in fast and prayer with thee; our spirits  strengthen with thy grace, and give us joy to  see thy face. | |

**Postlude:** “Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten" *J. S. Bach*

(If thou but trust in God to guide thee)

**Announcements**

**Beginning March 7th, 50 people are able to attend the 10:30 am service, in keeping with diocesan guidelines. Please call or email the church office at** [**churchoffice@emmanuelrockford.org**](mailto:churchoffice@emmanuelrockford.org) **to reserve a spot.**

**Calendar of Upcoming Events!:**

Services are broadcast on Facebook, and you do not need an account to view them.

**February 28th,** Morning Prayer will be online via Facebook.

**Book Club:** The group meets on March 23rd at 7 pm via zoom. March’s book is “Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents” by Isabel Wilkerson.

**Lenten Series:** The program, “The Day the Revolution Began” led by N.T. Wright will meet on Zoom February 24th through March 31st at 7 pm.

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**Assisting in the Liturgy**

**10:30 a.m. Reader 1: Jody Nerhood Edwards**

**Reader 2: Timothy Borden**

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