

**Readings, Collect and Year's Mind
for Sunday 21st February & Thursday 25th February 2021
Lent 1**

In our Year's Mind this week, we pray for: Elsie Skea, Maggie Dunlop, Ada Pretsell, Josephine Hay, Tom Jamieson, Lorna Thom.

The Intercessions are being led by Pam Dugan.

Collect for Lent 1:

Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet did not sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit,
that, as you know our weakness,
so we may know your power to save;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 9: 8-17

God 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.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25: 1-10

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.
10. For your name's sake, O Lord, forgive my sin, for it is great.

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Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 3: 18-22 (Read by Ruairidh Sharp)

Christ 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 1: 9-15 (Read by Liz Mackay)

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

In 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.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer for Lent 1:

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us to hunger for him
who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.