

Church of St. Clare -- Worship Aid



First Sunday of Lent – February 21, 2021

Opening: “Again, We Keep this Solemn Fast”

1. Again, we keep this solemn fast, a gift of faith from ages past. This Lent which binds us lovingly to faith and hope and charity.
2. The law and prophets from of old in figured ways this Lent foretold, which Christ, all ages’ Lord and Guide, in these last days has sanctified.
3. More sparing therefore, let us make the words we speak, the food we take. Our sleep, our laughter, ev’ry sense; Learn peace through holy penitence.

Penitential Act:

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Kyrie, eleison.

R. Kyrie, eleison.

You came to call sinners: Christe, eleison.

R. Christe, eleison.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Kyrie, eleison.

R. Kyrie, eleison.

1st Reading Gn 9:8-15

God said to Noah and to his sons with him: “See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed

by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth.” God added:

“This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings.”

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm: “Your Ways O Lord are Love and Truth”

R. Your ways O Lord are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

1. Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.
2. Remember that your compassion, O Lord, and your love are from of old. In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.

3. Good and upright is the Lord, thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and he teaches the humble his way.

2nd Reading 1 Pt 3:8-22

Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear 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 subject to him.

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

Gospel Mk 1: 12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day 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. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and gloried, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Petitions:

Sung Response: O God hear us, hear our prayer.

Presentation: "Jesus, Meek and Humble"

1. Jesus, meek and humble, heaven's gift to earth. Word from Word among us, spoken from the first. Song of our salvation rising from the fall. Jesus, meek and humble, heaven's hope for all.
2. Jesus, meek and humble, teaching by the shore, casting nets to gather broken, lame and poor. Living bread, you offer, hungry we receive. Jesus, meek and humble, teach us to believe.
3. Jesus, meek and humble, mercy born of pain on the Cross we fashioned from our sin and shame, God himself providing Lamb and sacrifice. Jesus, meek and humble, in this death is life.

4. Jesus, meek and humble, by the break of day heaven now awaking, love has made a way. Light from Light embracing all that once was dark. Jesus, meek and humble, lead us to your heart. Jesus, meek and humble, lead us to your heart.

Preface Acclamation

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. 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.

The Mystery of Faith

Priest: The mystery of faith.

R. We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again.

Great Amen

R. A-men! A-men! A--men!

Sign of Peace

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

R. And with your spirit.

Lamb of God

R. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, miserere nobis. Miserere nobis.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, miserere nobis. Miserere nobis.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, dona nobis pacem. Dona nobis pacem.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Communion: "To the Desert Follow Me"

R. To the desert follow me, for I am God, who is your hope. To the desert follow me.

- 1. Return to me with all your heart; let go the world and come to me. Rend your heart and not your clothes, for I am kind, my name is mercy.**
- 2. Slow to anger is my way; my cup is filled with love for you. I will not send you to the foe, nor scorn the ones I come to rescue.**
- 3. Gather my people, says the Lord. Oh, let them come to healing peace, elders and children, lost and found, into this place of love's revealing.**
- 4. A blessing I will give to you, all you who wander and who thirst. The desert soon will bear a spring; forgiving water shall restore you.**
- 5. I will embrace your ev'ry wound, for I am balm to heal your pain. You shall not weep forevermore; I have remembered you, my children.**
- 6. My goodness flows out of my heart over the ones I came to save. I will cleanse you of your sin, replace your guilt with my compassion.**
- 7. I will renew your weary heart and keep you always in my sight; give you a spirit that is new; restore the joy of your salvation.**
- 8. I will bring beauty from the ruin, a feast of hope from ash and dust. This land will bloom just as before. My saving Word, it is forever.**
- 9. The light you bear shall be as dawn; your bonds of sin my love will break. Injustice shall be overcome, and you will rise with me, beloved.**

Closing: "Beyond the Days"

R. Beyond the days of hope and myst'ry we see a light of faith renewed, and in our longing, we thirst for guidance to walk with you day by day.

- 1. Forty days and nights, you guide the steps of our journey. May your presence be felt in the whisper of your voice.**
- 2. Not on bread alone are we to walk on this journey. Speak the words that give life to the yearnings of our hearts.**
- 3. In your hands, O God, we feel the touch of your guidance. Keep us safe in your care: may your gentleness be there.**
- 4. On our Lenten path we see the dawn of a new day. Be our vision of hope; be the promise of our lives.**

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