

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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Worship Focus

“I Promise” – Maximum Blessings

BLESSINGS
FROM
GOD

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Order of Service for THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Divine Service I with Communion

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✠ Gathering ✠

OPENING HYMN

237 – Lord of Lords, the Sparkling Heavens



1 Lord of lords, the spar - kling heav - ens Show the great - ness
2 Lord of light, your gift of beau - ty Fills our plan - et
3 Lord of love, we bow be - fore you, Hum - bled by your
4 Lord of na - tions, by your Spir - it Cause our fear and



of your hand, Bril - liant gal - ax - ies un - fold - ing,
here be - low. Crys - tal snow and sil - ver moon - light,
con - stant grace. Word in - car - nate, sent from heav - en,
greed to cease; Rest - less hearts and lives re - fash - ion



Dis - tant suns your wis - dom planned, Morn - ing stars in
For - est green with life a - glow, Sap - phire o - cean,
On the cross you took our place. By your death and
By the en - trance of your peace. May we now with



con - cert sing - ing— Praise the one whose pow'r we
flam - ing sun - set Your cre - a - tive joy pro -
res - ur - rec - tion We shall live through end - less
firm com - mit - ment Fol - low in o - be - dience



see: Lord of might and maj - es - ty.
 claim! Lord of all, we praise your name!
 days! Lord of life, we sing your praise.
 true: Lord of lords, we wor - ship you!

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 Tune: CWM RHONDDA (87 87 877) John Hughes, 1873–1932.

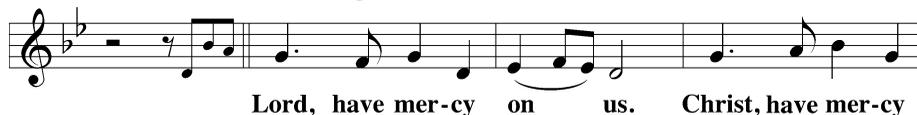
INVOCATION

Minister In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation Amen.

M Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me a sinner.

LORD HAVE MERCY (Kyrie)



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



on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

ABSOLUTION

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Let us pray. Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**



✠ **The Word** ✠

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 9:8-17

After the flood, God entered a covenant with humankind (through Noah) which provided maximum comfort and blessings, sealed with a covenant sign.

^{GENESIS 9:8} Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: ⁹ “I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you ¹⁰ and with every living creature that was with you--the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you--every living creature on earth. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be cut off by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

¹² And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: ¹³ I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. ¹⁶ Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.”

¹⁷ So God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth.”

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 3:18-22

Jesus' descended to hell to proclaim his victory – a victory whose blessings become ours through the water and Word of baptism.

¹ PETER 3:18 For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, ¹⁹ through whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison ²⁰ who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹ and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also--not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand--with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation responds:



C Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL

Mark 1:9-15

Jesus' baptism already prefigures the great blessings of forgiveness and God's approval that he will secure for us by his death and resurrection.

^{MARK 1:9} At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

¹² At once the Spirit sent him out into the desert, ¹³ and he was in the desert forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:



C Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word. Christians composed the Nicene Creed in the fourth century to defend the Bible's teachings that both Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are true God, equal to the Father in one eternal, undivided Trinity.

**C 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

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,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

421 – All Depends on Our Possessing



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant
 2 He who to this day has fed me And to man - y
 3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting O - ver tri - fles
 4 Well he knows what best to grant me; All the long - ing
 5 If on earth my days he length - en, He my wea - ry



grace and bless - ing, Though all earth - ly wealth de - part.
 joys has led me Is and ev - er shall be mine.
 and in get - ting Things that have no sol - id ground.
 hopes that haunt me, Joy and sor - row, have their day.
 soul will strength - en; All my trust in him I place.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en In their God are
 He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, He who dai - ly
 I shall strive to win a trea - sure That will bring me
 I shall doubt his wis - dom nev - er— As God wills, so
 Earth - ly wealth is not a - bid - ing, Like a stream a -



not for - sak - en And e'er keep a daunt - less heart.
 guides and rules me, Will re - main my help di - vine.
 last - ing plea - sure, And that now is sel - dom found.
 be it ev - er— I to him com - mit my way.
 way is glid - ing; Safe I an - chor in his grace.

Text: Andächtige Haus-Kirche, Nürnberg, 1676, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
 Tune: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN (887 887) Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, alt.

✠ Sermon ✠

Mark 1:12-15

Jesus Goes to War

1. With Temptation
2. With Good News

✠ Praise and Prayers ✠

Cre - ate in me a
pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -
in me. Do not cast me a - way from your
pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The image shows a musical score for a song. It consists of six staves of music in a single system. The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a double bar line. The second staff has a fermata over the word 'heart'. The third staff has a fermata over the word 'me'. The fourth staff has a fermata over the word 'presence'. The fifth staff has a fermata over the word 'me'. The sixth staff ends with a double bar line.

Announcements and Musical Offering

We appreciate the offerings given to support the work of God's Kingdom here and throughout the world. Offerings can be given in any of three ways:

1. Set in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary
2. On the Calvary website: <https://calvarydallas.org/give/>
3. On your phone with the Give+ app (a Vanco product)

Give us a record of your visit through our online Connection Card. The Connection Card tab can be found at the bottom right of any page of the Calvary website, <https://calvarydallas.org>

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Heavenly Father, as we enter this Lenten season of repentance and renewed devotion, we pray that You would remember us according to Your steadfast love and goodness in Christ and instruct and lead us by Your Spirit in Your ways so that we may repent and believe the Gospel. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, preserve all children and their parents, and every Christian home from the assaults of the evil one. As Your Son overcame Satan in the desert by the Word of God, so also give us the victory through Christ and His Word. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father of lights, from whom every good and perfect gift comes down to us from above, keep us from being enticed by our own desires to misuse Your gifts in sin, and help us to use them rightly in service to You and our neighbor. Bless all our leaders, that we may be governed wisely and justly for the good of this present generation and all those to come. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Most High God, our refuge in every trouble, You have promised to hear when we call to You. We pray that You would command Your angels to guard our brothers and sisters, [*especially...*] and all those who suffer in our midst. Keep them from every evil that can befall the body, mind and soul. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, the time is fulfilled and Your kingdom is at hand as Your Son comes to us here at the altar. By Your Spirit, grant that we may receive Him in repentance and believe the Gospel proclaimed to us in His body given and His blood shed. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, we remember with thanksgiving those before us whom You brought forth by the Word of truth who now live and reign in Your presence with Your Son. As You have also brought us forth by that Word in Baptism, we pray that You would bring us to full maturity by Your Word, that we, too, may be gathered with them to Your Son on the glorious harvest of the Last Day. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

✠ The Sacrament ✠

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord’s Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord’s Supper.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind



1 Let us with a glad - some mind praise the Lord who is so kind:
2 God, with all-com - mand-ing might, filled the new-made world with light:
3 All things liv-ing God does feed; with full mea-sure, meets their need:
4 Let us with a glad - some mind praise the Lord who is so kind:



for God's mer - cies shall en - dure, ev - er faith - ful, ev - er sure.

Glory to God 31

TEXT: John Milton, 1624, alt.

MUSIC (MONKLAND 7.7.7.7): Attr. John Antes, c. 1790; harm. John B. Wilkes, 1861

✘ Sending ✘

PRAYER AND BLESSING

M O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

M The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C **Amen.**

*I have set my bow in the
clouds, and it shall be a
sign of the covenant
between me and
the earth.*



Genesis 9:13, NRSV

CLOSING HYMN

Standing on the Promises



1. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ, my King,
2. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,
3. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ, the Lord,
4. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,



Through e - ter - nal a - ges let His prais - es ring;
When the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,
Bound to Him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,
Lis - t'ning ev - 'ry mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,



"Glo - ry in the highest," I will shout and sing, Standing on the prom - is - es of
By the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail, Standing on the prom - is - es of
O - vercom - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword, Standing on the prom - is - es of
Resting in my Sav - ior as my all in all, Standing on the prom - is - es of



God.
God. Stand - ing, stand - ing, Standing on the prom - is - es of God, my Sav - ior;
God.
God.



Stand - ing, stand - ing, I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

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WORDS: R. Kelso Carter

MUSIC (PROMISES 11.11.11.9. with Chorus): R. Kelso Carter

*After worship, please feel free to greet your neighbors OUTSIDE,
keeping in mind the social distancing recommendations of six feet spacing.*