

*All Saints' Episcopal Church, Millington, NJ*

**The First Sunday in Lent**  
February 21, 2021 10:00 am

## **The Service of the Word**

### **A Penitential Order**

*Presider* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* **God's mercy endures for ever.**

*Presider* Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

*Presider* Mindful of all that we have lost in this pandemic-tide, all that we have suffered, all that we have had to let go, and mindful of all the ways we have wounded others, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence is kept.*

### **Litany of Penitence**

*All* **Most holy and merciful Father:  
We confess to you and to one another,  
and to the whole communion of saints  
in heaven and on earth,  
that we have sinned by our own fault  
in thought, word, and deed;  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

*Presider* We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

*People* **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us.  
We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.  
**Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,  
**Have mercy on us, Lord.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,  
**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those  
more fortunate than ourselves,  
**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and  
our dishonesty in daily life and work,  
**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to  
commend the faith that is in us,  
**We confess to you, Lord.**

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done:  
for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our  
indifference to injustice and cruelty,  
**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our  
neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those  
who differ from us,  
**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of  
concern for those who come after us,  
**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;  
**Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,  
**That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,  
**Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all  
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you  
in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

**A Reading from the Book of Genesis.**     *read by Matt Dalmedo*     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.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 25:1-9**     *sung by Bill Smullen and Alison Siener Brown*

- 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.

**A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.** *read by Jeanne Carty*

1 PETER 3:18-22

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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn 142, *Lord, who throughout these forty days***

ST. FLAVIAN

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,  
2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con-tend, and didst the vic-tory win,  
3 As thou didst hun-ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra-cious Lord,  
4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas-sion - tide,  
5 A - bide with us, that so, this life of suf - fer-ing o - ver - past,

1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.  
2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con-quer sin.  
3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.  
4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.  
5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

Words: Claudia Frances Hernaman (1838-1898) Music: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

## **The Gospel**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

MARK 1:9-15

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **Sermon**

The Rev. Victoria Geer McGrath

## **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.**

## **Offertory Anthem**

### **The Prayers of the People**                      *led by Tom Hackett*

*Prayer requests can be placed in the chat function of Zoom  
or spoken aloud during the prayers.*

*Leader*      With confidence and trust let us pray to the Father.  
For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church,  
for Archbishop Justin; for Presiding Bishop Michael;  
for our Bishop Carlye; for Vicki, our Rector, and Shawn, our Priest Associate;  
for the Community of St. John Baptist and for all bishops and other ministers;  
let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

For the mission of the Church,  
that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel  
to the ends of the earth, for our Prayer Chain ministry,  
and for our parishioners LuAnn Ascani & Junis Richardone;  
Barbara Barbeau; Carol Berry; Jean Bettler; and Kathy & Jennifer Bousquet,  
let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

For those preparing for baptism  
and for their teachers and sponsors, let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

For peace in the world,  
that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow  
among nations and peoples,  
let us pray to the Father.  
Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer,  
for those on our parish prayer list, especially: Aiden; Karyn Cippolini; Charlotte  
Davis; Mary Davis; Stephen and Robin Flood; Suzanne Kosempel; Leslie; Cecelia  
McGrath; Ed Mink; Miriam; Dena Flood O'Rourke and her family; Pru Peterson; Ted  
Raymond; Edward Roller; Sigrid; Marcie Teele; Dorothy Simms; Suzanne Traub;  
Phyllis Wallace; are there others? \_\_\_\_\_;  
for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger;  
that they may be relieved and protected,  
let us pray to the Father.  
Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

For those whom we have injured or offended,  
let us pray to the Father.  
Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God,  
let us pray to the Father.  
Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

In communion with all those who have walked in the way of holiness,  
especially the departed who we now remember \_\_\_\_\_;  
let us pray to the Father.  
Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

God our Father,  
in your love and goodness  
you have taught us to come close to you in penitence  
with prayer, fasting and generosity;  
accept our Lenten discipline,  
and when we fall by our weakness,  
raise us up by your unfailing mercy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Lords' Prayer**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Presider* Let us pray.

**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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Please unmute on Zoom to the exchange  
of the Peace with one another.*

*Presider* Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## **The Solemn Prayer over the People**

Bow down before the Lord. Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn 448, *O love, how deep, how broad, how high*

DEUS TUORUM MILITUM



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in  
5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and  
4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his  
6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.  
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt. Music: *Deus tuorum militum*, from *Antiphoner*, 1753; adapt. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.; harm. after Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

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## All Saints' Announcements

**Thank you for worshipping with us today.** If our service has ministered to you, please consider making a donation to All Saints'. You can use our "virtual offering plate" - the heart and cross icon on the homepage of our website for on-line giving, [www.allsaintsmillington.org](http://www.allsaintsmillington.org). Thank you!

**Date Correction! Parish Meeting: Year in Review - Feb 28, 10:45 am (during coffee hour time).** Join us to hear presentations from our Vestry and other ministry leaders. This is not an official Annual Meeting. NJ state statutes govern Episcopal churches in legal matters. Our diocesan Chancellor's reading of the statute is that we can't have an official Annual Meeting unless we are able to meet in person. But we can gather on Zoom and hear

updates about our ministries and finances from 2020. Please join us for worship and this Year in Review meeting on Feb. 28

**TODAY - Narnia Book Group: The Silver Chair, Chapters 1 & 2** - this group will meet on Zoom Sunday afternoons at 4:00 pm starting on 2/21 and continuing for eight sessions (skipping Easter Day). *The Silver Chair* by C.S. Lewis is the fourth book in The Chronicles of Narnia series. The group is open to anyone; you don't have to have read the previous Narnia books, or been part of the group before. To sign up, please email Mother Vicki at [allsaints\\_rector@hotmail.com](mailto:allsaints_rector@hotmail.com).

**Bible Study is on Wednesdays at 10:15 am.** This week we'll start our **Lenten series**. We'll look at the Gospel reading for the Sunday to come (either from Mark or John) and also at the Collect (theme prayer) for the day and look at the way the Gospel and the Collect connect with each other. That means that we'll be reading material for the First Sunday in Lent. To participate in this Zoom class, or if you have questions, please e-mail Mother Vicki.

**Book Study - Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubled Times** by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. **Wednesdays in Lent at 7:00 pm, starting Feb 24. This study is being shared by St. Peter's, Livingston, St. Paul's, Chatham, St. Gregory's, Parsippany, and All Saints'.** This week we'll be discussing the Introduction, Chapters 1 & 2. Here is the link for the first discussion session: Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87340439697?pwd=cVp0SFR1QXd6UDZ4Q1VBUEV4Q05Rdz09>

Meeting ID: 873 4043 9697

Passcode: 687908

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### ***Parish Schedule this Week***

**Sunday Worship & Coffee Hour** – 10:00 am; Zoom, posted later to YouTube and our website

**Narnia Book Group** - Sun, 4:00 pm; Zoom

**Compline** - daily, 9:30 pm; Facebook Live

**Bible Study** - Wed, 10:15 pm; Zoom

**Lenten Book Group** - Wed, 7:00 pm; Zoom

**Office Angels** - Thu, 11:00 am; Zoom

**Junior Choir** – Thu, 5:30 pm; Zoom

**Adult Choir** - Thu, 7:30 pm; Zoom

**Parish Office** - Mon & Thu, 10:00 am-5:00 pm (usual hours).

*Please call ahead if you need to do in-person parish business.*