

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 18, 2024



Sermon on the Mount by Laura James. New York, 2010.

8:00 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Book of Common Prayer – beginning page 67

10:00 AM THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

Welcome, Announcements & Territorial Acknowledgement

We come to silence at the sound of the gong.

To request specific prayers during the service, please fill out a prayer card and place it in the prayer basket in the narthex.

Opening Hymn: CP#608 "Come You Sinners, Poor and Needy"

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
And also with you.

AN ACT OF PENITENCE

Kyrie Eleison (CP#705)

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour.
A moment of silence

All Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought,
word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we
have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole
heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us
and forgive us, that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you
from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all
goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison (CP#705)

Collect of the Day

Presider God of our salvation,
**your bow in the clouds proclaims your covenant with every living creature.
Teach us your paths and lead us in your truth so that by your Holy Spirit,
we may remember our baptismal vows and be keepers of your trust
with earth and its inhabitants. Amen.** *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST 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."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-10

Reader To you, O Lord, *

All 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.**

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

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

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.**

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

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.**

Gracious and upright are you, O Lord; *
therefore you teach sinners in your way.

You guide the humble in doing right *
and teach your way to the lowly.

O Lord, all your paths are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

SECOND READING: 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.

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Gradual Hymn: CP#628 "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High" vv1-4

THE GOSPEL: MARK 1:9-15

Reader The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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."

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*...Behold, behold I make all things new,
Beginning with you and starting from today.
Behold, behold I make all things new,
My promise is true, for I am Christ the way.*

Homily

The Prayers of the People

The Peace

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.

All And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: CP#520 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" vv.1-4

WE SHARE THE SACRED MEAL

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider God our provider,

All **you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer – BAS #2 (p 196)

Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer.

He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature.

He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all.

In fulfilment of your will
he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.
By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might x2**
CP#735 **heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest

Presider Holy and gracious God, accept our praise,
 through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
 who on the night he was handed over
 to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks,
 saying, "Take, and eat:
 this is my body which is broken for you."
 In the same way he took the cup,
 saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.
 When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
 we offer you this bread and this cup,
 giving thanks that you have made us worthy
 to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit
 upon the offering of your holy Church.
 Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries,
 filling them with the Holy Spirit
 and confirming their faith in the truth,
 that together we may praise you and give you glory
 through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honor are yours, Father and Son,
 with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (Sung)

Our Fa-ther, in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be yourname, your king-dom come, your will be done on earth as in
 9 hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For- give - us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us.—
 17 — Save us from the time of trial and de - li - ver us from e - vil, For the
 22 king - dom, the pow'r and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er._____

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider We break this bread,

All **communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Presider Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

All **If we have died with him, we shall live with him;
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

All are welcome to join in the sacred feast of Holy Communion. Please come forward to receive the sacrament in front of the altar. You may also indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. All are invited to draw near the table of the Lord.

Communion Music: CP #747 "Jesus, Lamb of God"
CP#179 "Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery"
CP#361 "Surely It Is God Who Saves Us"

Prayer after Communion

Presider All your works praise you, O Lord.

All **And your faithful servants bless you.**

**Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.**

May we, who share his body, live his risen life;

we, who drink his cup, bring life to others;

we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and
all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise
your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

Blessing

Presider Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
and the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: CP#564 "Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us"

Dismissal

Presider Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**



	8am	10am
Presider	The Rev. Christine Conkin	The Rev. Christine Conkin
Preacher	Canon Peter Parker	The Rev. Christine Conkin
Music Director		Marlon Narciso / Carolyn Hoekstra
First Reading	Gary Fisher	Gary Fisher
Psalm	Leslie Glazier	Kathleen von Kanel
Second Reading	John Sager	Joy Carroll
Prayers	Linda Sproule-Jones	Gary Fisher
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Greeters	Jennifer Bradbury	Colin Millar, Sandra Moore
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Counter		Jody Trueman
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