

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 1, 2020

All standard parts of the service can be found in the seasonal booklet.

PRELUDE

Clair de Lune from Suite Bergamasque

CLAUDE DEBUSSY

On the First Sunday in Lent, it is traditional to begin the service with the Great Litany. This takes the place of both the Prayers of the People and the General Confession.

Stand or Kneel as you are able.

The Great Litany

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,
Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,
Have mercy upon us.

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare your people, whom you have redeemed with your most precious blood, and by your mercy preserve us for ever.
Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of your Word and commandment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of your holy Incarnation; by your holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by your Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By your Agony and Bloody Sweat; by your Cross and Passion; by your precious Death and Burial; by your glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Spirit,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do ask you to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please you to rule and govern your holy Church Universal in the right way,

Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.

That it may please you to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of your Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.

That it may please you to bless and keep all your people,

Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.

That it may please you to send forth laborers into your harvest, and to draw all mankind into your kingdom,

Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.

That it may please you to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive your Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.

That it may please you to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.

That it may please you to give us a heart to love and fear you, and diligently to live after your commandments,

Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.

That it may please you so to rule the hearts of all in positions of authority, especially the President of the United States, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.

That it may please you to have mercy upon all mankind,

Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.

That it may please you to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy Word,

Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.

That it may please you to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.

That it may please you to strengthen us to stand for your truth; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.

That it may please you to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.

That it may please you to grant that, in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin, Peter the Apostle, and all the saints, we may attain to your heavenly kingdom,
Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.

Son of God, we beseech you to hear us.
Son of God, we beseech you to hear us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Grant us your peace.

O Christ, hear us.
O Christ, hear us.

All stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church”

HYMN 149

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Reader A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the

garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



The Reader announces the Refrain, and the People repeat it.

Then the Reader leads the Psalm, the people repeating the refrain as indicated.

Refrain **“I will confess my transgression to the LORD.” ***

Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!

Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer. ***Refrain: “I will ...”***

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.” *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance. ***Refrain: “I will ...”***

“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you.”

Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart. ***Refrain: “I will ...”***

The Second Lesson

Romans 5:12-19

Reader A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

“Lord, who throughout these forty days”

HYMN 142

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written, ‘*One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.*’”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, ‘*He will command his angels concerning you,*’ and ‘*On their hands they will bear you up, so*

