

## COMMUNION HYMN: You Are Near

*Refrain:* Yahweh, I know you are near  
Standing always at my side, You guard me from the foe  
And you lead me in ways everlasting

[Verse 1] Lord, you have searched my heart  
And you know when I sit and when I stand  
Your hand is upon me protecting me from death  
Keeping me from harm

[Verse 2] Where can I run from your love?  
If I climb to the heavens you are there  
If I fly to the sunrise or sail beyond the sea  
Still I'd find you there

[Verse 3] Marvelous to me are your works  
How profound are your thoughts, my Lord  
Even if I could count them they number as the stars  
You would still be there

## RECESSIONAL HYMN Save Us, O Lord

*Refrain:* Save us, O Lord; carry us back.  
Rouse your power and come.  
Rescue your people; show us your face. Bring us back.

O Shepherd of Israel, hear us.  
Return and we shall be saved.  
Arise, O Lord; hear our cries, O Lord: bring us back!

How long will you hide from your people?  
We long to see your face.  
Give ear to us. Draw near to us. Lord God of hosts!

Turn again; care for your vine;  
protect what your right hand has planted.  
Your vineyards are trampled, uprooted, and burned.  
Come to us, Father of might!

## First Sunday of Lent

Feb. 21, 2021

8:30 a.m.



## ENTRANCE HYMN: Ashes

We rise again from ashes, from the good we've failed to do.  
We rise again from ashes, to create ourselves anew.  
If all our world is ashes, then must our lives be true?  
An offering of ashes, an offering to You.

We offer you our failures, we offer you attempts.  
The gifts not fully given, the dreams not fully dreamt.  
Give our stumbling direction, give our visions wider view,  
An offering of ashes, an offering to you.

Then rise again from ashes, let healing come to pain.  
Though spring has turned to winter, and sunshine turned to rain.  
The rain we'll use for growing, and create the world anew,  
From an offering of ashes, an offering to You.

## FIRST READING Gn 9:8-15

### A Reading from the Book of Genesis

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**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** from Psalm 25

*Refrain:* Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth  
to those who keep your covenant.

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.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old.  
In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.

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.

**SECOND READING** 1 Pt 3:18-22

**A reading from the First Letter of St. Peter**

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.

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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.

**READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL** Mk 1:40-45

**A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark**

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.”

**OFFERTORY HYMN: Abba Father**

*Refrain:* Abba, Abba Father.

You are the potter; we are the clay, the work of Your hands.

1. Mold us, mold us and fashion us  
Into the image of Jesus Your Son,  
Of Jesus Your Son

2. Father, may we be one in You.  
May we be one in You as He is in You  
And You are in Him.

3. Glory, glory and praise to you.  
Glory and praise to You forever, amen, forever, amen.