

Sunday February 18, 2024 ~ 1st Sunday in Lent



St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Lebanon, Oregon
Celebrant, Rev. Robert Morrison

Remember: Alleluias are omitted during Lent. They will return for Easter.

Celebrant : Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People : His mercy endures for ever.

(The Decalogue is said, the people standing or kneeling.)

Hear the commandments of God to his people:	Celebrant
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.	
You shall have no other gods but me.	Amen. Lord have mercy.
You shall not make for yourself any idol.	Amen. Lord have mercy.
You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.	Amen. Lord have mercy.
Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.	Amen. Lord have mercy.
Honor your father and your mother.	Amen. Lord have mercy.
You shall not commit murder.	Amen. Lord have mercy.
You shall not commit adultery.	Amen. Lord have mercy.
You shall not steal.	Amen. Lord have mercy.
You shall not be a false witness.	Amen. Lord have mercy.
You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.	Amen. Lord have mercy.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**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 neighbors 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.**

Absolution Celebrant
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**

Trisagion (Sing together)

“Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us” (3x)

The Collect (say together)

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.

First Lesson is a reading from Genesis 9:8-17

Lector

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.”

- Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People
- Thanks be to God

Psalm 25:1-9

- 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.

Second Lesson is a reading from –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.

- Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People
- **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

Cantor Leads/ Congregation Responds

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of Endless Glory –

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to 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."

- This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Sermon

The Rev. Robert Morrison

Nicene Creed

(BCP p.358)

***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.

Prayers of the People

(A special Form for Lent)

PotP Reader

Reader: In this holy season of Lent, we are called to a journey of self-examination and true repentance. Let us offer to God the yearnings of our own hearts, as well the needs of the Church and the world.

We pray for the Church throughout the world, especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Diana, our Bishop; and for leaders of local churches everywhere. We lift our eyes to you, O God.

All: In you is our help and strength.

Reader: We pray for our nation and for those entrusted with making decisions for the well-being of all. We lift our eyes to you, O God.

All: In you is our help and strength..

Reader: We pray for those who hunger, those who thirst, those who cry out for justice, those who live where wars are raging, and those without a place to lay their head. We lift our eyes to you, O God.

All: In you is our help and strength.

Reader: We pray for those who are ill (pause for remembrances, either silently or aloud), those in pain, those under stress, those who are lonely, and those whose earthly journey is coming to an end. We lift our eyes to you, O God.

All: In you is our help and strength..

Reader: We pray for those who have died (pause for remembrances, either silently or aloud), confident that your eternal light and abiding peace await all those who know and love you. We lift our eyes to you, O God.

All: In you is our help and strength.

Reader: We pray for St. Martin's parish family, that in this season of Lent, our lives may be focused on deepening our relationship with Christ, who came not to be served but to serve. We lift our eyes to you, O God.

All: In you is our help and strength.

Celebrant

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you saved us from the flood and brought us through the wilderness. Hear our prayers for all peoples. Receive sons and daughters into your family, wash them in the waters of new life, and feed them with your bread and wine. Glory to you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Celebrant: Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering & sacrifice to God.

Hymn of Presentation *'Doxology (sing to the tune Old One hundredth)*

***Praise God Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

The Liturgy of the Table

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p. 361 Celebrant

The Lord be with you. ***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts. ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ***It is right to give God thanks and praise***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People *(Let us say together)*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

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

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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 Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Celebrant

Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Fraction Anthem

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

“Agnus Dei” *(Sing Together)*

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus Bearer of our Sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Redeemer, Redeemer of the World, give us your peace, give us your peace

Communion Hymn

Instrumental: “Eat This Bread” - from Taize

Communion of the People

Celebrant / Eucharistic Minister

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant

Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer for St. Martin’s

Deacon

God of Love, open our eyes and ears to perceive you at work in creation, the church, and our parish. Fill our hearts with your love that we may reach out in love to others. Stir up our imagination with your Holy Spirit that we may find new ways to live into life with you. Give us a vision of your mission that we may share your love and your spirit in all the places where we work and play and worship you. In Jesus’ holy name, Amen.

Birthdays and Anniversaries (front cover of the red prayer book)

Celebrant

Traveling Mercies

Announcements

Blessing

Celebrant

Closing Hymn #142

“Lord, Who Throughout these Forty Days”

Dismissal

Deacon

Deacon Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**