

# *The First Sunday in Lent*



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## **SUNDAY NIGHT ALIVE**

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# THE WORD OF GOD

## OPENING SONG - Let Us Go into the House of the Lord

Let us go. (Let us go.)

*He has taken us from death unto life.*

Let us go. (Let us go.)

*He has taken us from darkness into light.*

Let us go to the house of the Lord!

*Where we can praise Him!*

*We can worship the Lord.*

*He is worthy!*

*He is worthy of praise.*

## WELCOME AND ACCLAMATION

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Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

*His mercy endures for ever.*

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.

*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

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all our 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.**

## KYRIE ELEISON (Chris Tomlin)

1. Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

Hear our cry and heal our land

Let kindness lead us to repentance

Bring us back again

2. Who is this God who pardons all our sin

So ready to forgive

You delight to show Your mercy

CHORUS:

*For Your name is great and Your heart is grace*

*Kyrie Eleison*

*Over all You reign You alone can save*

*Kyrie Eleison*

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy on us now

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Together 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 LESSONS

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

THE PSALM

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, \*  
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

He shall say to the Lord, "You are my refuge and my stronghold, \*  
my God in whom I put my trust."

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, \*  
and the Most High your habitation,

There shall no evil happen to you, \*  
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over you, \*  
to keep you in all your ways.

They shall bear you in their hands, \*  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

You shall tread upon the lion and adder; \*  
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; \*  
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; \*  
I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

With long life will I satisfy him, \*  
and show him my salvation.

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Romans 10:8b-13

"The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN - Just a Closer Walk with Thee**

**1. I am weak, but thou art strong  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong.  
I'll be satisfied as long  
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.**

**2. Through this world of toils and snares,  
If I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.**

**REFRAIN:**

**Just a closer walk with Thee  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to thee,  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

**3. When my feeble life is o'er,  
Time for me will be no more;  
Guide me gently, safely o'er  
To Thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.**

**THE GOSPEL**

**Luke 4:1-13**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

**'Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.'"**

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

**'He will command his angels concerning you,  
to protect you,'**

and

**'On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"**

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**SERMON - Fr. Ralph**

**SERMON RESPONSE - Born Again**

1. Well today I found myself after  
searching all these years  
And the man that I saw,  
he wasn't at all who I thought he'd be.  
I was lost when you found me here  
And I was broken beyond repair  
Then You came along and  
You sang Your song over me

**CHORUS 1:**

*It feels like I'm born again  
It feels like I'm living  
For the very first time,  
for the very first time  
In my life*

2. Make a promise to me now  
Reassure my heart somehow  
That the love that I feel is so much  
more real than anything.  
I've a feeling in my soul and  
I pray that I'm not wrong  
That the life I have now,  
it is only the beginning

**CHORUS 2:**

*It feels like I'm born again  
It feels like I'm living  
For the very first time, for the very first time  
It feels like I'm breathing (feels like I'm born again)  
It feels like I'm moving (feels like I'm living)  
For the very first time, (for the very first time)  
For the very first time, (for the very first time)  
In my life.*

**BRIDGE:**

*Wasn't looking for something that was more  
Than what I had yesterday  
Then You came to me and you gave to me  
Life and a love that I've never known,  
That I've never felt before*

**THE NICENE CREED**

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*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.***

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Form I, BCP 383

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For our Bishops: Andy, Jeff, Kai, Héctor, and Brian, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For this city and county, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially \_\_\_\_\_, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Defend us, deliver us, and in your compassion protect us, O Lord, by your grace.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially \_\_\_\_\_.

(Silence)

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

**To thee, O Lord our God.**

*Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

### **THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## ***THE HOLY COMMUNION***

### **THE OFFERTORY - Truth I'm Standing On**

*... Scared, oh I thought I knew scared  
But I'm so filled with fear  
I can barely move  
... Doubts, I've had my share of doubts  
But never more than right now  
I'm wondering where are You  
... Here on the edge of "fall apart"  
Somehow Your promises find my troubled heart*

**CHORUS:**

*... This is the truth I'm standing on  
Even when all my strength is gone  
You are faithful forever  
And I know You'll never let me fall  
... Right now, I'm choosing to believe  
Someday soon, I'll look back and see  
All the pain had a purpose  
Your plan was perfect all along  
This is the truth I'm standing on*

*... Good, I believe You're still good  
Even when life's not good  
I will not lose this hope*

*... That the God who parts the sea  
Promises He's gonna make a way for me*

**CHORUS:**

**BRIDGE:**

*... My rock, my shield, my firm foundation  
I know I will not be shaken  
You remind me where my help comes from*

**CHORUS:**



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 him 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. *(Priest adds a proper preface)*

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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord**

**God of power, of power and might (repeat)**

**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**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 pray,

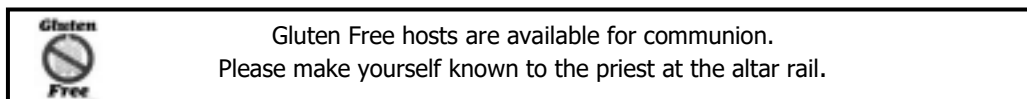
***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.***

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD** (*Remember to omit the A word*)

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

These are 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.



**COMMUNION INSTRUMENTAL**

**THE DOXOLOGY**

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

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

***Almighty and everliving 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.***

## BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** *(these words may differ from time to time)*

## CLOSING SONG - Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

<b><i>Lord, I lift your name on high</i></b>	<b><i>You came from heaven to earth</i></b>
<b><i>Lord, I love to sing your praises</i></b>	<b><i>To show the way</i></b>
<b><i>I'm so glad you're in my life</i></b>	<b><i>From the earth to the cross</i></b>
<b><i>I'm so glad you came to save us</i></b>	<b><i>My debt to pay</i></b>
	<b><i>From the cross to the grave</i></b>
	<b><i>From the grave to the sky</i></b>
	<b><i>Lord, I lift your name on high</i></b>

## THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. (Remember to omit the A word)

***Thanks be to God.***

