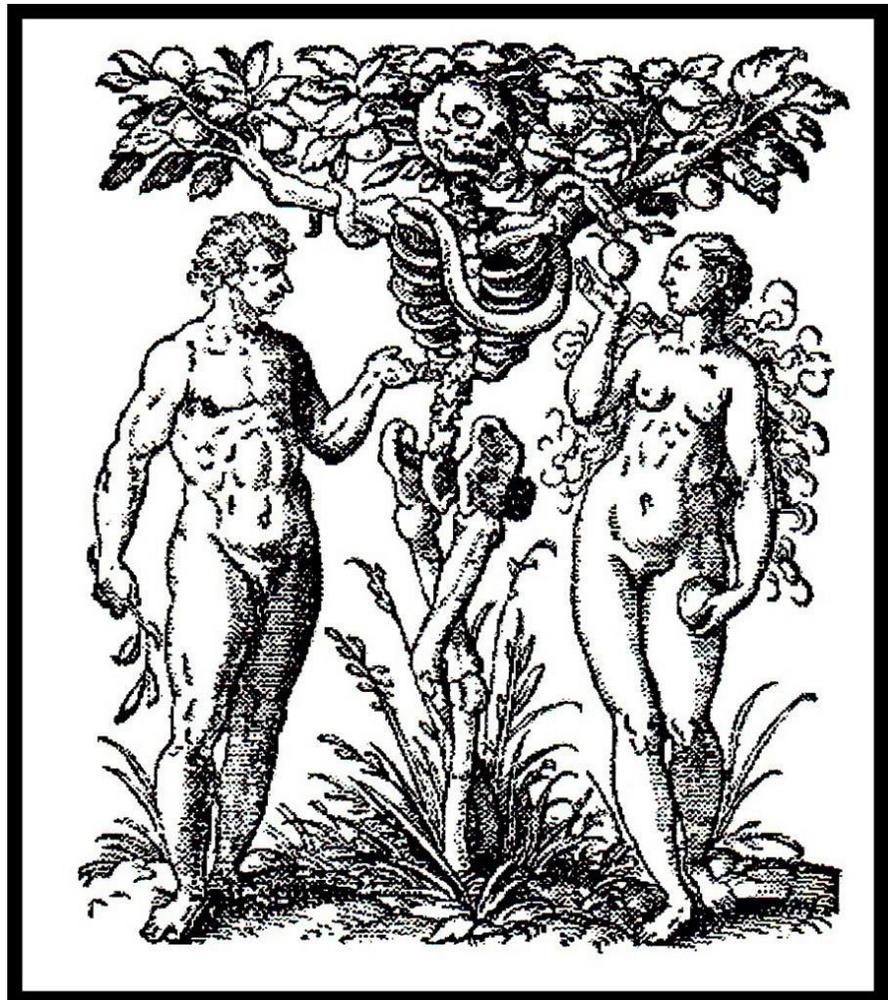


# The First Sunday in Lent

*26 February 2023*



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## **GATHERING**

**Prelude**

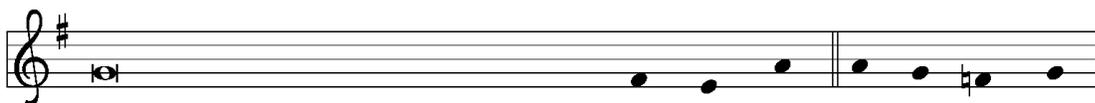
**Welcome**





From war, bloodshed, and violence;  
from corrupt and unjust government;  
from sedi - tion and treason: **Good Lord, de - liv - er us.**

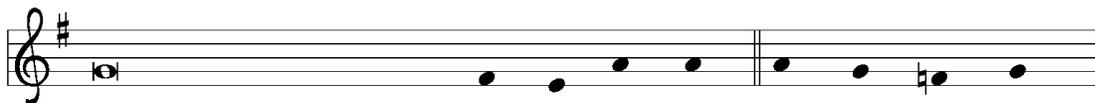
From epidemic, drought, and famine;  
from fire and flood, earthquake,  
lightning, and storm,  
and from ever - last - ing death: **Good Lord, de - liv - er us.**



By the mystery of your incarnation; by your ho - ly birth: **Help us, good Lord.**

By your baptism, fasting, and temptation;  
by your agony and bloody sweat;  
by your cross and suffering; by your death and burial: **Help us, good Lord.**

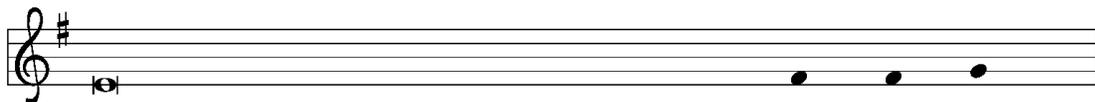
By your resurrection and ascension;  
by the gift of the Ho - ly Spirit: **Help us, good Lord.**



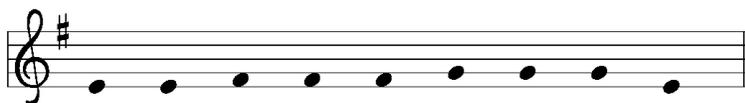
In all time of our tribulation;  
in all time of our prosperity;  
in the hour of death; and in the day of judg - ment: **Save us, good Lord.**



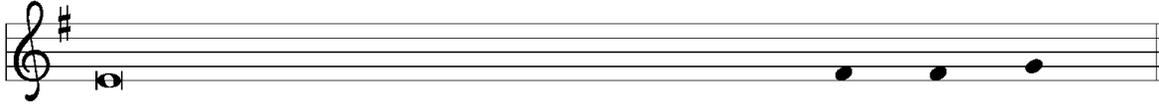
Though unworthy, we im - plore you to hear us, Lord our God.



To rule and govern your holy catholic church;  
to guide all servants of your church  
in the love of your word and in holiness of life;  
to put an end to all schisms  
and causes of offense to those who would believe;  
and to bring into the way of truth all who have gone a - stray:



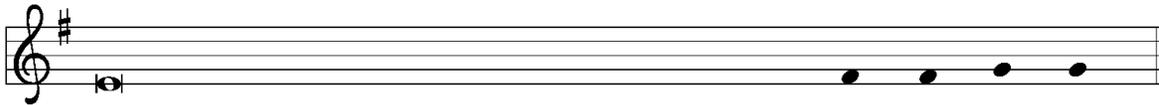
**We im - plore you to hear us, good Lord.**



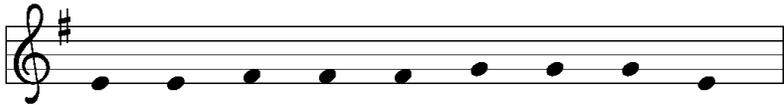
To beat down Satan under our feet;  
to send faithful workers into your harvest;  
to accompany your word with your Spirit and power;  
to raise up those who fall  
and to strengthen those who stand;  
and to comfort and help the fainthearted and the dis - tressed:



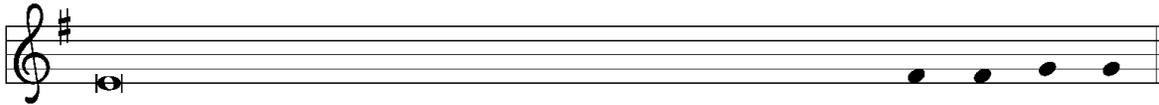
**We im - plore you to hear us, good Lord.**



To give to all nations justice and peace;  
to preserve our country from discord and strife;  
to direct and guard those who have civil authority;  
and to bless and guide all our peo - ple:



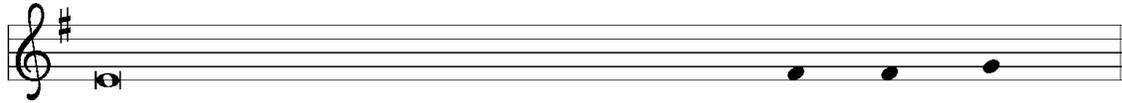
**We im - plore you to hear us, good Lord.**



To behold and help all who are in danger, need, or tribulation;  
to protect and guide all who travel;  
to preserve and provide for all women in childbirth;  
to watch over children and to guide the young;  
to heal the sick and to strengthen their families and friends;  
to bring reconciliation to families in discord;  
to provide for the unemployed and for all in need;  
to be merciful to all who are imprisoned;  
to support, comfort, and guide  
all orphans, widowers, and widows;  
and to have mercy on all your peo - ple:



**We im - plore you to hear us, good Lord.**



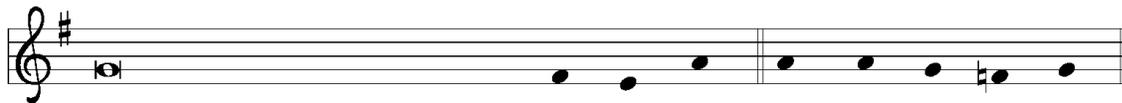
To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers,  
and to reconcile us to them;  
to help us use wisely the fruits and treasures  
of the earth, the sea, and the air;  
and graciously to hear our prayers:



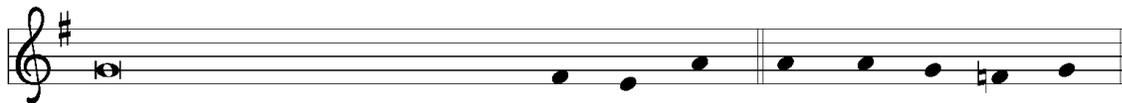
We im - plore you to hear us, good Lord.



Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, we im - plore you to hear us.



Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



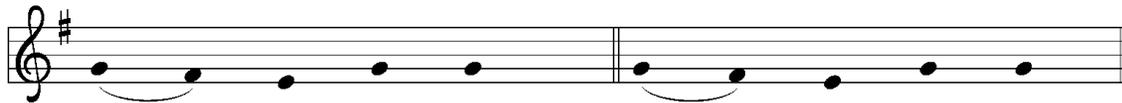
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; give us peace. A - men.



O Christ, hear us. In mer - cy hear us.



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

## Greeting and Prayer of the Day

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. [*A brief silence as we collect our thoughts.*]

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## WORD

### Children's Sermon

**First Reading: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7**

**T**HE LORD GOD took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup>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."

<sup>3:1</sup>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?'"

<sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; <sup>3</sup>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.'"

<sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; <sup>5</sup>for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

<sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Handbell Anthem**      *Largo from The Four Seasons: Winter” A. Vivaldi*

**Epistle: Romans 5:12-19**

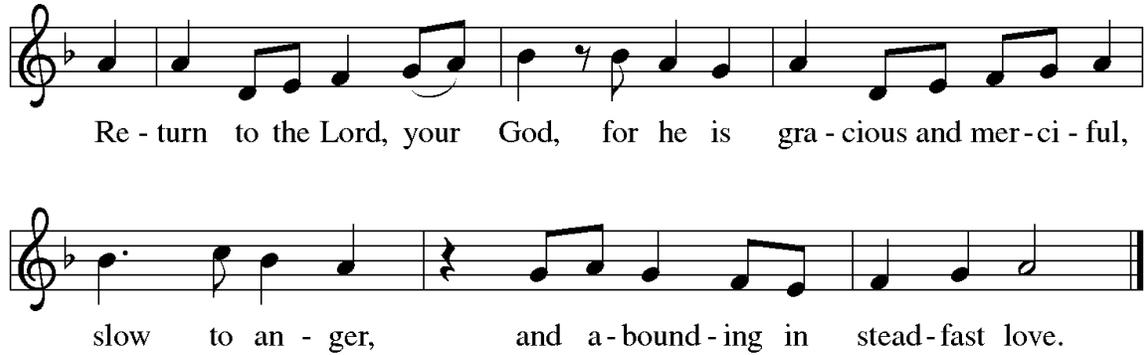
**J**UST AS SIN came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—<sup>13</sup>sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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.

<sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>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  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Verse: Return to the Lord**



## Gospel Reading

## Matthew 4:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

**J**ESUS WAS LED UP BY THE SPIRIT into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup>But he answered, "It is written,

*'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'*"

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>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 that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'*"

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, "Again it is written,

*'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'*"

<sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; <sup>9</sup>and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

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

<sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**

*ELW325: I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*

- 1 I want Jesus to walk with me;  
I want Jesus to walk with me;  
all along my pilgrim journey,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
- 2 In my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
when my heart is almost breaking,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
- 3 When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with  
me;  
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with  
me;  
when my head is bowed in sorrow,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

*Text: African American spiritual*

## Creed and Prayers of Intercession

*These are omitted today. Please see the Weekly News insert for the prayer list.*

### Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## MEAL

### Offering and Offertory Song

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

### Offering Prayer

**A** Let us pray. *[Brief silence.]*

God our provider, 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.

**C** Amen.

## **Dialogue**

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*

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 our thanks and praise.**

## **Preface**

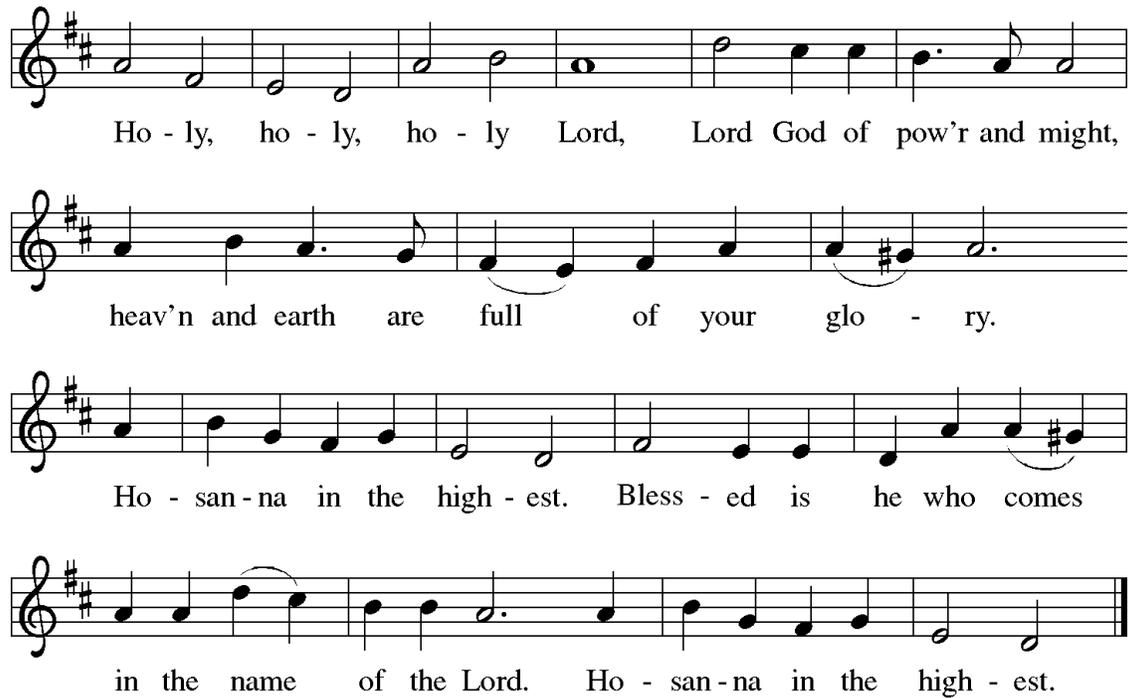
*The presiding minister continues:*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Eucharistic Prayer

*The presiding minister gives thanks on behalf of the assembly.*

Holy God,

our living Water and our merciful Guide,  
together with rivers and seas, wells and springs  
we bless and magnify you.

You led your people Israel through the desert,  
and provided them water from the rock.

We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water,  
who joined us in our desert,  
pouring out his life for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Remembering, therefore,  
his life, death, and resurrection,  
we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.  
Pour out your Spirit on this holy food  
and on all the baptized gathered for this feast:  
wash away our sin,  
that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.  
Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

**Amen**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**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 for-  
give 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, forever and ever.  
Amen.**



## Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

## SENDING

### Blessing

P Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### Sending Song

*ELW 325: Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

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| <p>1 Guide me ever, great Redeemer,<br/>pilgrim through this barren land.<br/>I am weak, but you are mighty;<br/>hold me with your pow'rful hand.<br/>Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,<br/>feed me now and evermore,<br/>feed me now and evermore.</p> <p>2 Open now the crystal fountain<br/>where the healing waters flow;<br/>let the fire and cloudy pillar<br/>lead me all my journey through.<br/>Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,<br/>shield me with your mighty arm,<br/>shield me with your mighty arm.</p> | <p>3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,<br/>bid my anxious fears subside;<br/>death of death and hell's destruction,<br/>land me safe on Canaan's side.<br/>Songs and praises, songs and praises,<br/>I will raise forevermore,<br/>I will raise forevermore.</p> |
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*Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722-1796, alt.*

### Dismissal

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C **Thanks be to God.**

# A

## Bible Readings

*for Daily Prayer (February 27-March 5)*

### *Monday*

Psalm 32  
1 Kings 19:1-8  
Hebrews 2:10-18

### *Tuesday*

Psalm 32  
Genesis 4:1-16  
Hebrews 4:14—5:10

### *Wednesday*

Psalm 32  
Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28  
Matthew 18:10-14

### *Thursday*

Psalm 121  
Isaiah 51:1-3

2 Timothy 1:3-7

### *Friday*

Psalm 121  
Micah 7:18-20  
Romans 3:21-31

### *Saturday*

Psalm 121  
Isaiah 51:4-8  
Luke 7:1-10

### *Second Sunday in Lent*

Genesis 12:1-4a  
Psalm 121  
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17  
John 3:1-17

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## WORSHIP *in* LENT

### **Saturday and Sunday Services**

*Our Saturday blended service and Sunday traditional services*

- Lent 1: *Weekend of February 26 – Adam*
- Lent 2: *Weekend of March 5 - Abraham*
- Lent 3: *Weekend of March 12 – Moses*
- Lent 4: *Weekend of March 19 – David*
- Lent 5: *Weekend of March 26 – Lazarus*
- Palm Sunday: *Weekend of April 10 – The Passion*

### **Wednesday: Evening Prayer**

*We sing the beautiful Holden Evening Prayer service at 7:00pm.*

- March 1
- March 8
- March 15
- March 22
- March 29

### **Holy Week and Easter Services**

**Maundy Thursday (6 April, 7pm)**

*A celebration of the Last Supper & Communion Class Blessing*

**Good Friday (7 April, Noon and 7pm)**

*Spoken prayer at noon, and the Service of Darkness in the evening.*

**The Great Vigil (8 April, 5:30pm)**

*A journey through the history of salvation*

**Easter Sunrise Matins (9 April, 6:30am)**

*As the sun rises in the east, we rejoice in the rising of Christ.*

**Easter Communion (9 April 10:30am)**

*Sing out, earth and skies!*