

My humanity is
bound up in yours,
**for we can only be
human together.**

Archbishop Desmond Tutu



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**First Sunday in Lent
The Great Litany
February 21, 2021, 10:30 am
Officiant: The Rev. Tucker Bowerfind
Grace Episcopal Church
Lexington, VA**



That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings,
to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of
heart as thy servants, and for the common good,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant 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.*

Genesis 9:8-17 (Doug Ayer)

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.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-9 (Demmanuel Gonzalez)

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.

1 Peter 3:18-22 (Dennis Cross)

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn The glory of these forty days (vs 1-4)



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -
4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full
*5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to



1 ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
2 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
3 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
4 oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spi - rits strength - en
5 thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold



1 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
2 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
3 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
4 with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.
5 Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Mark 1:9-15

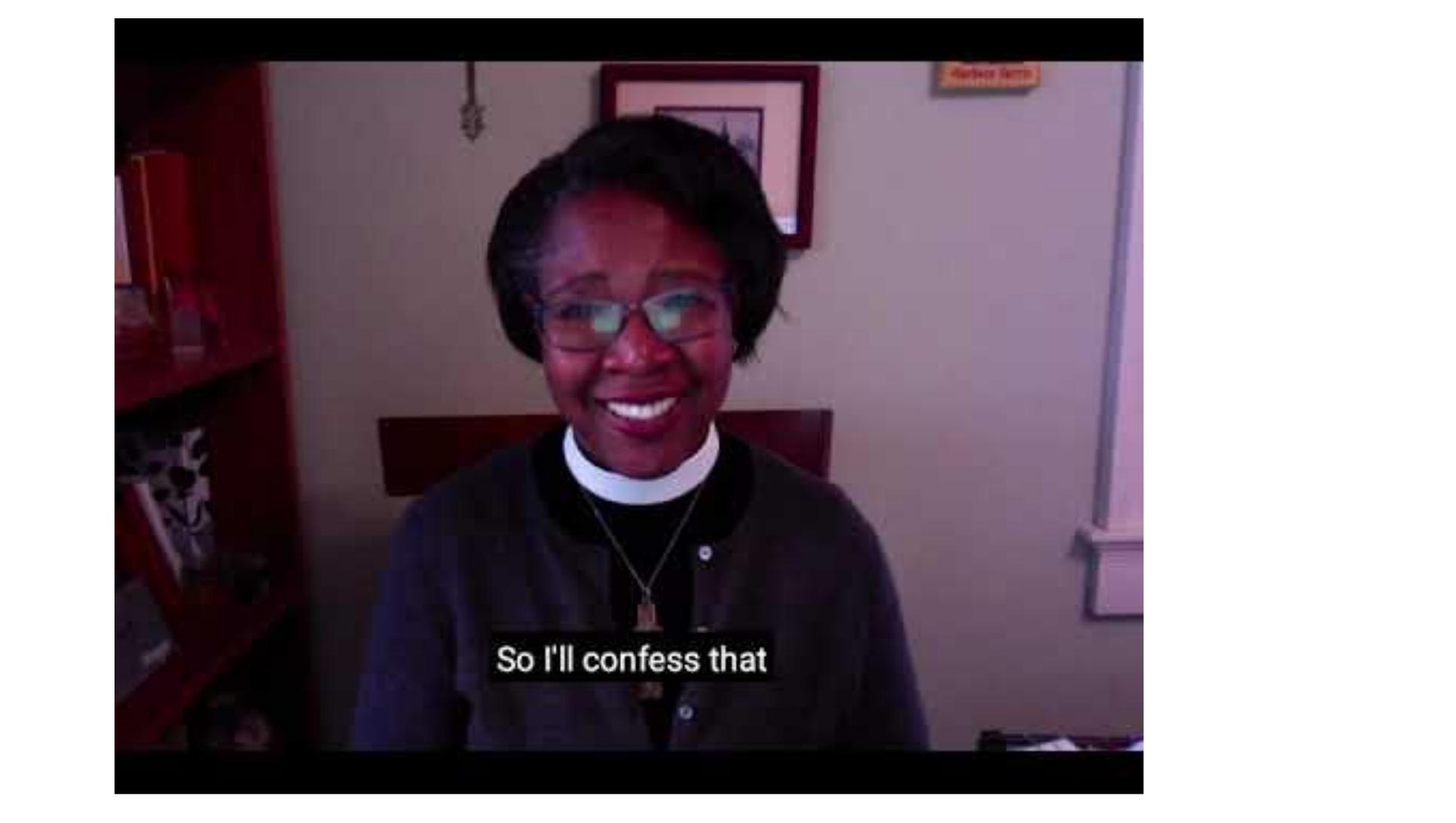
In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

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.”

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

A woman with short dark hair and glasses, wearing a dark grey sweater over a black top with a white clerical collar, is smiling warmly. She is seated in a dark wooden chair. The background features a light-colored wall with a framed picture, a small yellow sign, and a wooden bookshelf on the left. A whiteboard is partially visible on the right.

So I'll confess that

Please pray for the wider Church and intercessions requested by our Congregants: Pray for The Anglican Communion, The Most Rev. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, Standing Committee of the Diocese of Haiti as they search for their new Bishop, the Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines, the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Justin Badi Arama, the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia, and our Bishop Mark Bourlakas.

Pray for Bettie Cadden, Lynda DeMaria, Bob DeMaria, Lynne Johnson, Susan Williams, Ned Glenn (Brother of Elizabeth Harralson), Olivia Patton, Liz Moss, Rachel Pattison, Ely Turner (friend of Rob Minor), Peter Fyfe, Jack Hershbell, Pat Gibson, Alleane Taebel, Vivian & Isabella (Carl Pattison's granddaughter and great granddaughter), Lucy Moise, Dean Stenzel, Kate Roy Christian, Colton (great grandson of Polly Lawrence), SaraBeth Gay (daughter of Punky Dod), Debbie Murphy, Brian Taylor, Karen Clark (cousin of Sharon White), Matt Shiver (cousin of Judy Hotchkiss), Juanita Ruth One, Marina Pratt and those we name in our hearts.

Pray for those serving in the military.

Pray for those who have died.

Pray for those affected by unsafe living conditions, poverty, disease, especially Covid-19, violence and oppression.

In thanksgiving for February birthdays Clarinda Carrington (2/2), Nat Massie (2/5), Steve Riethmiller (2/21), Douglas Roper (2/21), Nancy Dinkel (2/22), Beverly Tucker (2/23), Graham Hess (2/23), Holt Merchant (2/24), Jeanne Passmore (2/25), Joseph Henson (2/27), Catie Carrington (2/28), Erin Carrington (2/28).

Offertory

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Jesus, Remember Me



Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.



Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.



The Peace

The Lord's Prayer (*Officiant and People*)

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.

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in thy Son's Name: We beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ear to us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant that those things which we have asked faithfully according to thy will, may be obtained effectually, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*



**Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church
walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent,
led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
moved by your love and
toward your presence bent:
far off yet here the goal of all desire.**



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