



WELCOME

THE GREAT LITANY

Leader: O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

People: **Have mercy upon us.**

Leader: O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

People: **Have mercy upon us.**

Leader: O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,

People: **Have mercy upon us.**

Leader: O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,

People: **Have mercy upon us.**

Leader: Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us for ever.

People: **Spare us, good Lord.**

Leader: From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,

People: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Leader: From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy;
from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

People: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Leader: From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of
the world, the flesh, and the devil,

People: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Leader: From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart,
and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

People: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Leader: From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from
plague, pestilence, and famine,

People: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Leader: From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence,
battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

People: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Leader: By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and
submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

People: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Leader: By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy
precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and
Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

People: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Leader: In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the
hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

People: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Leader: We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

People: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

People: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

People: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,

People: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

People: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

People: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

People: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they

may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,
People: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to
give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom
upon all peoples,

People: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and
captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and
oppressed,

People: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the
bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

People: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: 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,

People: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason
of their labor or their travel,

People: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in
childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose
homes are broken or torn by strife,

People: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

People: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

People: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

People: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

People: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

People: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

People: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

People: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

People: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

People: **Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.**

Leader: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

People: **Have mercy upon us.**

Leader: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

People: **Have mercy upon us.**

Leader: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

People: **Grant us thy peace.**

Leader: O Christ, hear us.

People: **O Christ, hear us.**

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Leader: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People: **His mercy endures forever.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: 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.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 9:8-17

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

Officiant and People

- 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.**

THE SECOND READING

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.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:9-15

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

People: **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.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Reverend Jim Bernacki

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Officiant and People

**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 PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Deacon: Bow down before the Lord.

Celebrant: Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

Richard Farrant

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake
Choir of All Saints'

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,
Lay not our sins to our charge.
But forgive that is past,
And give us grace to amend our sinful lives.
to decline from sin, and incline to virtue,
That we may walk in a perfect heart,
Before thee now and evermore.
Amen.

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A NOTE ON TODAY'S READINGS

The First Sunday in Lent – Year B

Welcome to All Saints' Episcopal Church. On this first Sunday in Lent our attention is focused on those who will be baptized at Easter. The final preparation of the candidates is the primary purpose of this season. The involvement of all members of the Church in the Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, as well as intensified study of Holy Scripture, is our way of sharing with these candidates in their time of preparation.

In the Old Testament reading today we have a prefiguring of Baptism. Noah and his family are saved from death in the flood and God makes a Covenant with them. In Baptism we are saved through water and made a part of the new Covenant established in Jesus' death and resurrection.

The reading from 1 Peter is an early Christian reflection on the meaning of the story of Noah in the light of Jesus' dying and rising. Baptism gives us a share in more than earthly life; it makes us part of God's eternal Kingdom.

The Gospel reading today describes Jesus' response to his own baptism and anointing by the Spirit. He spent forty days in the wilderness where his vocation was tested. We too spend these forty days in prayer and fasting as God leads us to discover anew the call he gives us in Baptism.

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