



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Announcements

The Great Litany

All stand.

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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 Ghost, 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 embue 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.

Salutation

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Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People: **His mercy endures forever.**

The Collect of the Day

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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.**

The Lessons

The people sit.

The First Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

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.⁶When 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.**

Silence may follow.

Psalm 25:1-9

Remain seated. Prayed together.

- 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 you teach sinners in your way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right ***
and teach 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 Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

The people sit.

A Reading from the First letter of Peter.

Christ 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.

Silence may follow.

Sequence Hymn *All stand.* Hymnal 1982 – 455
O Love of God, how strong and true *Dunedin*

- 1 O Love of God, how strong and true,
eternal and yet ever new;
uncomprehended and unbought,
beyond all knowledge and all thought.

- 2 O wide-embracing, wondrous Love,
we read thee in the sky above;
we read thee in the earth below,
in seas that swell and streams that flow.

- 3 We read thee best in him who came
to bear for us the cross of shame,
sent by the Father from on high,
our life to live, our death to die.

4 We read thy power to bless
and save e'en in the darkness of the grave;
still more in resurrection light
we read the fullness of thy might.

The Gospel

All remain standing.

Deacon: 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.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Vern Cahoon

The Nicene Creed

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All stand.

**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.**

All remain standing.

The Prayers of the People

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Intercessor: 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.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: 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.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For those we now name _____. *Silence.*
Let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: 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.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

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

Peace

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All stand

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

People: **And also with you.**

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

A note about receiving Holy Communion: In the Episcopal Church, we understand that Christ is “really present” in the bread and wine provided from God’s table. All who claim Christ as Lord are always welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion in this church. Children are welcome to receive communion at the discretion of their parents.

Come forward at the direction of the ushers. Receive the consecrated wafer in the palm of your outstretched hand from the first person who comes to you. To receive a gluten-free wafer, please cross your hands palms down. Wine may be received by lightly dipping the bread into the small cup in the center of the plate/paten from which you received the bread. Alternatively, you may choose to drink from the larger cup/chalice which the next person will offer you. Receive the consecrated wine by guiding the offered cup to your lips and sipping. Those who distribute the wine will wipe the chalice with a food safe sanitizer and turn it for the next person after each person receives. You may also decide to take the wafer only. If you choose not to receive communion, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing as your presence is a blessing to all of us. Once you have been blessed or received communion, you may offer a short prayer and then return to your seat.

If physical limitations make it difficult to come forward, please let an usher know that we may have the honor of bringing communion to you.

Offertory Sentence

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The Celebrant says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

Offertory Anthem

O Lamb of God

Richard Shepherd

O Lamb of God who gave thyself for me;
Now in my heart I give myself to thee.

Forgive us Lord, and grant with prayer and praise,
That we may come to love you all our days.

Teach us to know and keep your ways, O Lord;
That we would hold thy wondrous Name adored.

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Presentation of Gifts

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Sursum Corda

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The People remain standing.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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:

Sanctus

See pew card for music.

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The People stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

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 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,

Memorial Acclamation

See pew card for music.

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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.

The Great Amen

See pew card for music.

The Lord's Prayer

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

People and Celebrant

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

Fraction Anthem

See pew card for music.

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 our peace.**

Invitation

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The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

A prayer for those joining online to be unified in Communion with Christ.

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

Communion Hymns

Hymnal 1982 – 147

Now let us all with one accord

Bourbon

1 Now let us all with one accord,
in company with ages past,

keep vigil with our heavenly Lord
in his temptation and his fast.

2 The covenant, so long revealed
to those of faith in former time,
Christ by his own example sealed,
the Lord of love, in love sublime.

3 Your love, O Lord, our sinful race
has not returned, but falsified;
author of mercy, turn your face
and grant repentance for our pride.

4 Remember, Lord, though frail we be,
in your own image were we made;
help us, lest in anxiety,
we cause your Name to be betrayed.

5 Therefore, we pray you, Lord, forgive;
so when our wanderings here shall cease,
we may with you for ever live,
in love and unity and peace.

Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church Hymnal 1982 – 149
Old 124th

1 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.

2 So daily dying to the way of self,
so daily living to your way of love,
we walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod.
knowing ourselves baptized into your death:
So we are dead and live with you in God.

3 If dead in you, so in you we arise,
you the firstborn of all the faithful dead;
And as through stony ground the green shoots break,
glorious in springtime dress of leaf and flower,
so in the Father's glory shall we wake.

Lay Eucharistic Minister Prayer *(as needed)*

Celebrant: In order that all may receive Holy Eucharist,
_____ will take the Eucharist to _____ today.

All: **In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

The Post-Communion Prayer

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

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Post-Communion Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 – 143

The glory of these forty days

Erhalt uns, Herr

1 The glory of these forty days
we celebrate with songs of praise;
for Christ, through whom all things were made,
himself has fasted and has prayed.

2 Alone and fasting Moses saw
the loving God who gave the law;
and to Elijah, fasting, came
the steeds and chariots of flame.

3 So Daniel trained his mystic sight,
delivered from the lions' might;
and John, the Bridegroom's friend, became
the herald of Messiah's name.

4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be
full oft in fast and prayer with thee;
our spirits strengthen with thy grace,
and give us joy to see thy face.

5 O Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
to thee be every prayer addressed,
who art in threefold Name adored,

from age to age, the only Lord.

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Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

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A Note on Today's Readings

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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