



Lent

First Sunday in Lent
Sunday, February 22, 2026

Prelude & Welcome

Processional Hymn CP #175 *'Forty Days and Forty Nights'*

The Gathering of the Community

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **And also with you.**

Almighty God, **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

Confession

Let us make our confession to the God who loves and heals us as we say,

O Lord, when we are lost we often forget to look to you.

Forgive us when we turn away from your love.

Forgive us when we doubt our own feelings and the feelings of others.

Forgive us when we forget that your Holy Spirit dwells within us.

Help us see your love and presence in our lives.

Help us trust you regardless of what life brings our way.

Help us to follow you with faith and hope.

Silence in observed.

(The Kyrie is sung responsively)

Choir: Lord, have mercy. Congregation: **Lord, have mercy.**

Choir: Christ, have mercy. Congregation: **Christ, have mercy.**

Choir: Lord, have mercy. Congregation: **Lord, have mercy.**

Absolution

Collect Prayer

Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

The Proclamation of the Word

The Readings: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Gospel Acclamation CP # 717

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory! (X2)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to...

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel is read.

The gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

The Apostle's Creed refer to insert

The Prayers of the People

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn CP #526 *'God Is Our Fortress and Our Rock'*

Prayer over the Gifts

God our refuge and our strength, receive all we offer you this day, and through the death and resurrection of your Son transform us to his likeness. We ask this in his name. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

It is right and a good and joyful thing to give thanks to you always...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels, with all the company of the heavens, and with all the creatures of the earth, who forever sing their hymns to proclaim the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might:
heav'n and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Ever Living God, you have created the world out of nothingness.....

Therefore we proclaim this mystery of faith:

Christ has died with us. Christ lives in us. Christ comes into the world again.

Now in this sacred rite of thanksgiving and praise....

All this we ask through the Christ, who is the human and cosmic incarnation of your Love. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of your Holy Spirit all honour and glory are yours, Creator God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer (*said*)

As our Saviour has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread, **communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign

The gifts of God, for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God

You take away the sins of the world,

Have mercy, have mercy on us. (X2)

Jesus, Lamb of God

You take away the sins of the world,

Have mercy, and grant us Your peace.

Communion Hymn CP #533 *'Jesus, Lover of My Soul'*

Meditation Song after Communion

Turn my heart, O God. Turn my heart, O God.

Take my pain and brokenness;

Shape my life for You.

Come and turn my heart, O God.

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God, in this holy bread you increase our faith and hope and love. Lead us in the path of Christ who is your Word of life. We ask this in his name. Amen.

The Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn CP #602 *'Lift High the Cross'*

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**