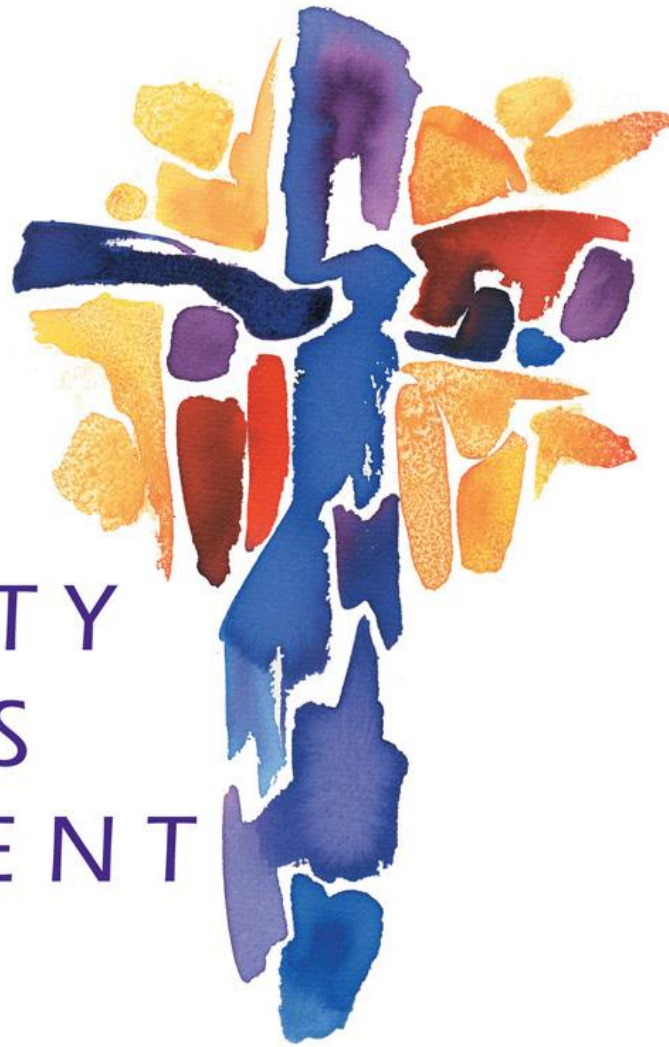


# The First Sunday in Lent

THE  
FORTY  
DAYS  
of LENT



February 21, 2021

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# About Today's Service

Today is the First Sunday in the season of Lent – the 40 days before Easter. We will end our service with **The Great Litany**.

## What is The Great Litany?

The word litany comes from the Latin meaning "prayer" or "supplication." The Great Litany is the first prayer composed in the English language for use in public worship. It is used in Anglican worship at various times and seasons, but is most often used during the season of Lent because of its penitential nature.

In the Great Litany, nearly every general area of prayer is addressed including prayer for various aspects of the church, the world, the government, and the poor. These petitions are prefaced by a series of requests asking God to deliver us from all manner of afflictions: evil, sin, heresy, schism, natural disasters, political disasters, violence, death, etc.

## Background on The Great Litany

The Great Litany was prepared by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer and first published in 1544. Cranmer modified an earlier litany form by consolidating certain groups of petitions into single prayers with response.

Henry VIII commissioned Cranmer to write the Litany because at the time it was the practice for litanies to be offered in procession through public neighborhoods. Henry was disappointed that people were not responding and joining in the prayers. He keenly perceived that this was because the people "understode no parte of suche prayers or suffrages as were used to be songe and sayde." He accordingly decreed that a litany be written in English.

The 1979 BCP titled this Litany "The Great Litany" (p. 148), distinguishing it from other litanies in the Prayer Book. The Great Litany may be said or sung. The officiant and people may kneel or stand, or it may be done in procession. The Great Litany includes an invocation of the Trinity; a series of deprecations which seek deliverance from evil, spiritual harm, and natural calamities; a series of obsecrations which plead the power of Christ's Incarnation, life, death, and resurrection for deliverance; prayers of general intercession.

# Sunday Morning Prayer

## The First Sunday in Lent

**Prelude** *O Mensch Bewein dein Sunde Gross* **Johann Sebastian Bach**

### The Opening Sentence

*Officiant* Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.

*Joel 2:13*

### An Invitation to a Holy Lent

Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

*Silence may be kept.*

*All* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Leader* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **The Invitatory and Psalter**

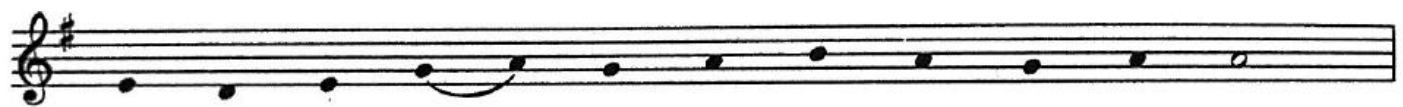
*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*All* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### **The Invitatory: Venite**

**Plainsong**



The Lord is full of com - pas - sion and mer - cy:



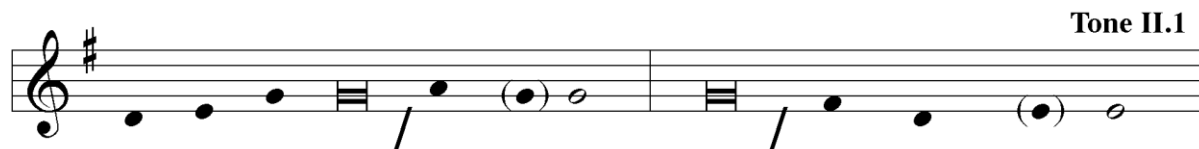
Come let us a - dore him.

1. Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal - va - tion. 2. Let us come before his presence with thanks - giv - ing and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. 3. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King a - bove all gods. 4. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his al - so. 5. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have mold - ed the dry land. 6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Ma - ker. 7. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would heark - en to his voice!

The Lord is full of com - pas - sion and mer - cy:

Come let us a - dore him.

Then follows  
**Psalm 25:1-9**



- 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 tri/umph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be / put to shame;\*  
let the treacherous be disappoint/ed 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 ev/erlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my trans/gressions;\*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your good/ness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the / LORD;\*  
therefore he teaches sin/ners 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 tes/timonies.

Glory to the Father, and / to the Son, \*  
and to the / Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is / now, \*  
and will be for/ever. Amen.

## The Readings

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### The First Reading:

**Genesis 9:8-17**

*Reader:* A reading from 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. 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  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

# Canticle 14: A Song of Penitence

Keiser New

1. Al - might - y Lord Most High draw near whose awe - some  
2. How mea - sure - less your mer - cies stand, the hope and  
3. From such a heart we bend the knee and all our  
4. So lift on high the Sav - ior's praise with all the

splen - dor none can bear; e - ter - nal God, in mer - cy hear,  
pledge of sins for - given; those sins, un - num - bered as the sand,  
sin and shame con - fess. Lord, your un - worth - y serv - ants see,  
hosts of heaven a - bove, and sing through ev - er - last - ing days

re - ceive once more the sin - ner's prayer; u - pon your  
that hide the ver - y stars of heaven; O God of  
and clothe us round with right - eous - ness; that loved and  
the God of glor - y grace and love. The Lord of

word of grace we call whose word of pow - er has or - dered all.  
grace, to us im - part a pen - i - tent and con - trite heart.  
par - doned, healed and blest, we taste your mer - cies man - i - fest.  
all let us a - dore, for ev - er and for ev - er - more.



## The Second Reading:

**1 Peter 3:18-22**

*Reader:* A reading from the first letter of Peter.

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  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

# Canticle 16: The Song of the Zechariah

# Shepherd's Pipes

1. Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free and  
2. With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call, the  
3. My child, as pro - phet of the Lord you will pre - pare the way, to

rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree. So  
oath once sworn to A - bra - ham; from foes to save us all; that  
tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway. Then

have the pro - phets long de - clared that with his might - y arm God  
we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise, in  
shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease, to

would turn back our en - e - mies and all that wish us harm.  
ho - li - ness and right - eous - ness to serve God all our days.  
drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

## **The Gospel Reading: Mark 1: 9-15**

*Reader:* A Reading from the Gospel of Mark

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."

*Reader* The Gospel of the Lord  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Sermon**

*The Reverend Rachel Wenner Gardner*

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## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All* **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **The Prayers**

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### **Suffrages B:**

Leader: Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

**People: Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

Leader: Day by day we bless you;

**People: We praise your name for ever.**

Leader: Lord, keep us from all sin today;

**People: Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Lord, show us your love and mercy;

**People: For we put our trust in you.**

Leader: In you, Lord, is our hope;

**People: And we shall never hope in vain.**

## The Collect of the Day

*Officiant* 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**

## A Prayer for Sundays

*Officiant* O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

*All* **My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)**

## The Offertory / Parish Notices

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*Good Morning and Thank you for joining us today. We miss seeing you in person, yet we are blessed to continue to worship with you each week. Here are a few things happening this week:*

*Morning Prayer continues each weekday at 9:00 am and Candlelight Compline on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. Join us on Facebook Live.*

*CH@Ts will meet today to discuss the Lenten devotional sent home this season: Living Well through Lent: Listening with Our Heart and Mind and Soul.*

*Meeting ID: 937 9954 3941 Zoom Link: [Here](#)*

*If you wish to give a gift today, we encourage you to do it during the Offertory, either by texting CHT DONATE to 73256 or by pressing “Learn More” on our Facebook Page.*

## **Offertory Sentence**

*Officiant* Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths. 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. *Psalm 25:3-4*

## **Offertory Anthem**

*To thee, O Lord*

**Sergei Rachmaninoff**

To thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul, my God I trust in thee.

# The Great Litany

*Officiant* *People*

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, Have mer-cy up - on us.

*Officiant* *People*

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mer - cy up - on us.

*Officiant* *People*

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faith - ful, Have mer-cy up-on us.

*Officiant* *People*

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, Have mer - cy up - on us.

*Officiant*

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers;

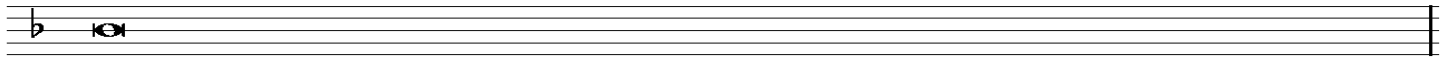
neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people,

whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy

*People*

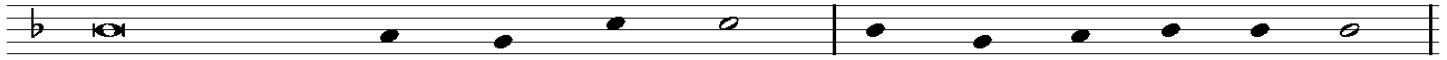
pre - serve us for - ev - er. Spare us, good Lord.

Officiant



From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil;

People



and from everlast-ing      dam - na - tion,      Good Lord, de - liv - er      us.

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

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

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

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

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

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pesti- / lence, and famine,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

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

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

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

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

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,

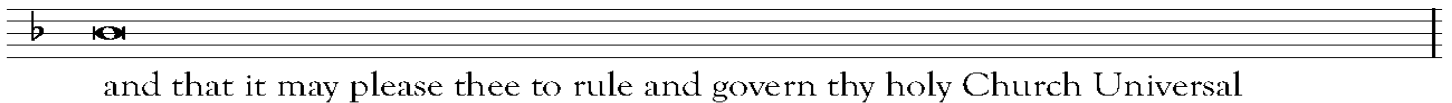
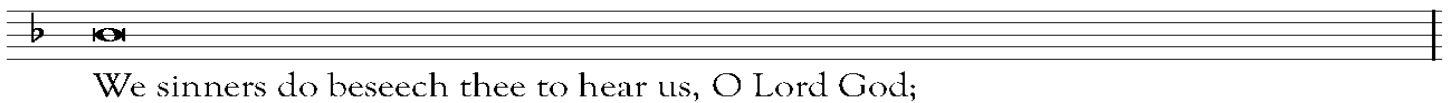
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

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

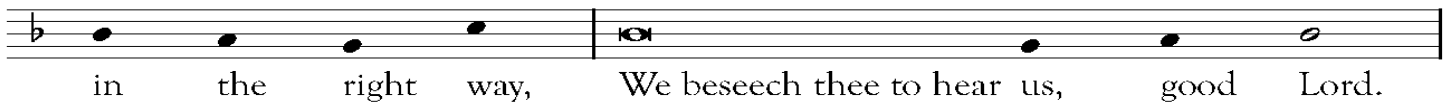
**Good Lord, deliver us.**



Officiant



People



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 accórdingly,

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

That it may please thee to bless and keep / all thy péople,

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

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind in-/to thy kíngdom,

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

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 Spírit,

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

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

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

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after / thy commándments,

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

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,

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

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 up- / on all peoples,

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

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,

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

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,

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

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.***

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

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

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,

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

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,

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

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

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

That it may please thee to have mercy up-/on all mankind,

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

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 Wórd,

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

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to / turn their héarts,

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

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 un-/der our féet,

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

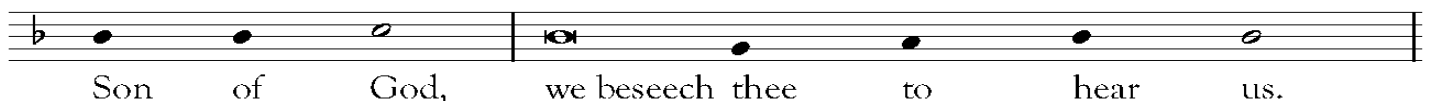
That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal / life and péace,

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

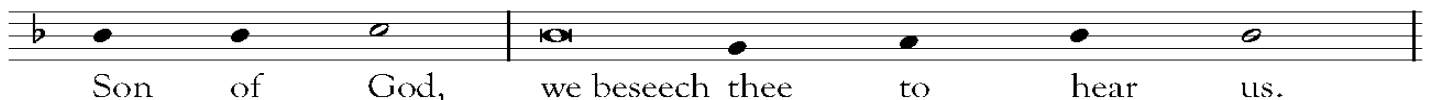
That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of all the saints, we may attain to thy hea-/venly kíngdom,

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

*Officiant*



*People*



*Officiant* *People*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.

*Officiant* *People*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.

*Officiant* *People*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Grant us thy peace.

*Officiant* *People*

O Christ, hear us. O Christ, hear us.

*Officiant* *People*

Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up - on us.

*Officiant*

Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

## The Lord's Prayer

*All*      **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,**

*Leader* O Lord, show us your mercy;

*People* **For we put our trust in you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

## **The General Thanksgiving**

**All** Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Closing Sentence**

*Officiant* May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

*Romans 15:13*

*All* **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn***The glory of these  
Erhalt uns, Herr***Hymnal 143**

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.

**Postlude: Erhalt uns, Herr****Robert Lind**

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## **PARTICIPANTS**

### **OFFICIANTS**

The Reverend Rachel Wenner Gardner  
The Reverend John Gardner

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

Soozung Rankin & The Gardner Kids on handchimes

### **PRAYERS**

Andy Gutknecht

### **READINGS**

The Gardner Kids

### **STAFF**

The Rev. Rachel Wenner Gardner & The Rev. John Gardner, Rectors  
Soozung Sa Rankin, Program Director  
Margaret DiPinto, Director of Operations  
Leda Milazzo, Administrative Receptionist  
Ella Christy, Rentals Manager  
Sarah Mammano, House Manager

## **MUSIC STAFF**

Dr. Benjamin Leiby, Organist/Choirmaster *pro tempore*

Dr. John French, Organist/Choirmaster *emeritus*

Choral Singers: Gail Caruso, Patricia Conrad, Carl Ellinwood, Andrew Gutknecht, Kate Hoffman, Samuel Keeler, John Miles, Titus Muzi, Ellen Peters, Aimee Pilgermayer, and Kelly Rubinsohn

Kile Smith, Composer-in-Residence

Dr. Stephen Framil, Musician-in-Residence

## **Vestry**

Rectors' Warden – Oscar Gunther

Accounting Warden – Michael Uftring

Clerk – Nancy Rasmussen

Vestry Members - Gail Caruso, Sally Griffith, Gordon P.

Henderson, Simson Hui, Greg Maughan, Madelyn Mignatti, Amy Perkins, and Emily Stromberg