

Parish of the Ascension

Lent I

February 21, 2021

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**

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**

COLLECT

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**

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. 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." **GENESIS 9:8-17**

Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

PSALM

PSALM 25:1-9

Officiant 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.

All Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Officiant Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

All 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.

Officiant Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

All 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.

Officiant Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

All He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.

Officiant All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

God of compassion and love, forgive our sins, relieve our misery, satisfy our longing, and fulfil all our hopes for peace; through your Son Jesus Christ our Redeemer

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK

People: Glory to, you Lord Jesus 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." **MARK 1:9-15**

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ