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Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982 in your pew. The 'S' numbers are located at the front of the hymnal.

The service begins in quiet and prayer.

**Prelude:** *Kyrie Dominicale* 

Samuel Scheidt (1587-1654)

## THE WORD OF GOD

# **The Great Litany**

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# Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you. 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,

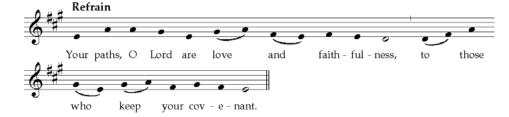
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### The First Lesson: 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.'

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

#### Psalm 25:1-8



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

## All Sing Refrain

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.

## All Sing Refrain

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \* for they are from everlasting. 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.

# All Sing Refrain

Gracious and upright is the LORD; \* therefore he teaches sinners in his way. He guides the humble in doing right \* and teaches his way to the lowly. All Sing Refrain

#### The Second Lesson: 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.

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

**Sequence Hymn 641:** *Lord Jesus, Think on Me* 

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

### The Gospel: 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

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."

The Gospel of the Lord. Reader

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### The Sermon

#### The Nicene Creed

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 Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel

In peace we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence* On this first Sunday in Lent, we enter a season of reflection about the ways we have fallen short. We know our weakness—how prone we are to fail. Guide us, O God, as we look inward so that we may see the truth of our lives; and give us the courage and strength to make an honest effort to live according to your will. We pray for your pardon, forgiveness, and support.

## People Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Almighty God, remember the covenant you have established with your people, the time you put down your bow, tips to the earth, as a sign of peace. Preserve us by your mercy, and lead us to live mercifully with others. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.** 

We pray for the victims of the shootings in Kansas City. Merciful God, bind up the wounds of all who suffer from gun violence, those maimed and disfigured, those left alone and grieving, and those who struggle to get through one more day. Bless them with your presence and help them find hope. Guide the hearts and minds of our leaders, that we may develop appropriate strategies and polices to combat these re-occurring tragedies. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.** 

We pray for all those who are sick, including those on our prayer list, those whose suffering is known to you alone, and those we name in our hearts. *Pause* Comfort and relieve all who suffer, and help us to be agents of your healing and wholeness. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

In a moment of silence, let us pray for those who are dear to us. *Silence* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours; grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.** 

We pray for Mark Hildebrandt and Frans Van der Hoff, who died this week; The Rev. Lew Towler, Katherine Matthews Kaufman, Samuel F. Schneider, George P. Dakmak, and Birnadine D. Mack, in whose memory the flowers are given this morning; and for all those we love but see no longer: parents who loved us, spouses who were our dearest companions, children who were the light of our lives, and friends who enriched our lives in more ways than we can count. *Silence* Grant them your peace and let light perpetual shine upon them. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.** 

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.** 

### The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

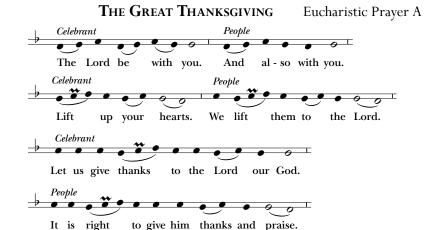
Offertory Anthem: Wondrous Love

Michael Sitton

The St. Andrew's Adult Choir

What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul. To God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme I will sing. When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, and when I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on.

Children's Entrance Hymn 142: Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days



The Celebrant offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ.

Sanctus S-113: Holy, Holy, Holy

The people stand or kneel as the Celebrant gives thanks for the reconciling work of Christ through his passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine.

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

People Christ has died.

Amen.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic prayer.

Celebrant By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit of all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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 for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

**Fraction Anthem S-157:** O Lamb of God

Please come forward and stand or kneel at the rail. The priest will place the bread in your outstretched palm (Consecrated rice wafers are available for those with wheat allergies - simply ask the priest). You may dip (intinct) the bread in the wine in the small cup held by the Eucharistic minister. Alternatively, you may indicate your desire to drink from the common chalice by consuming the bread and remaining at the rail after the Eucharistic minister passes; another Eucharistic minister will bring the large chalice over for you to drink from directly. Please know that Christ is fully present in both the bread and the wine - there is no requirement to receive both. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward, cross your hands over your chest, and receive a blessing.

Communion Voluntary: O Lamm Gottes, Unschuldig, BWV 618

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

#### Communion Hymn 311: O Saving Victim

When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are taking Holy Communion to those unable to be with us in person, we say the following

Celebrant 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.

People We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

# **Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

### The Blessing

Closing Hymn 149: Eternal Lord of Love

The young people are invited to come forward during the hymn to participate in the dismissal. Young people Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

**Postlude:** Kyrie, Gott, Heiliger Geist, BWV 671 J.S. Bach

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