

**The First Sunday in Lent**  
10:00 AM • March 9, 2025

[View Announcements](#)

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:** *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Joel Raney/Arnold Sherman  
St. Dunstan Handbell Choir

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**The Great Litany** *See Insert*

**Collect of the Day**

*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 First Lesson:** *Deuteronomy 26:1-11*

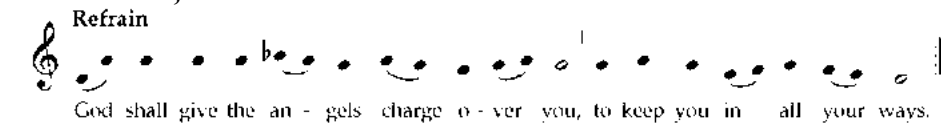
When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.” When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16**

Refrain



God shall give the an - gels charge o - ver you, to keep you in all your ways.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, \*  
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

He shall say to the LORD,  
“You are my refuge and my stronghold, \*  
my God in whom I put my trust.”

**All Sing Refrain**

Because you have made the LORD your refuge, \*  
and the Most High your habitation,  
There shall no evil happen to you, \*  
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

**All Sing Refrain**

For he shall give his angels charge over you, \*  
to keep you in all your ways.  
They shall bear you in their hands, \*  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.  
You shall tread upon the lion and adder; \*  
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

**All Sing Refrain**

Because he is bound to me in love,  
therefore will I deliver him; \*  
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.  
He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; \*  
I am with him in trouble;  
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.  
With long life will I satisfy him, \*  
and show him my salvation.

**All Sing Refrain**

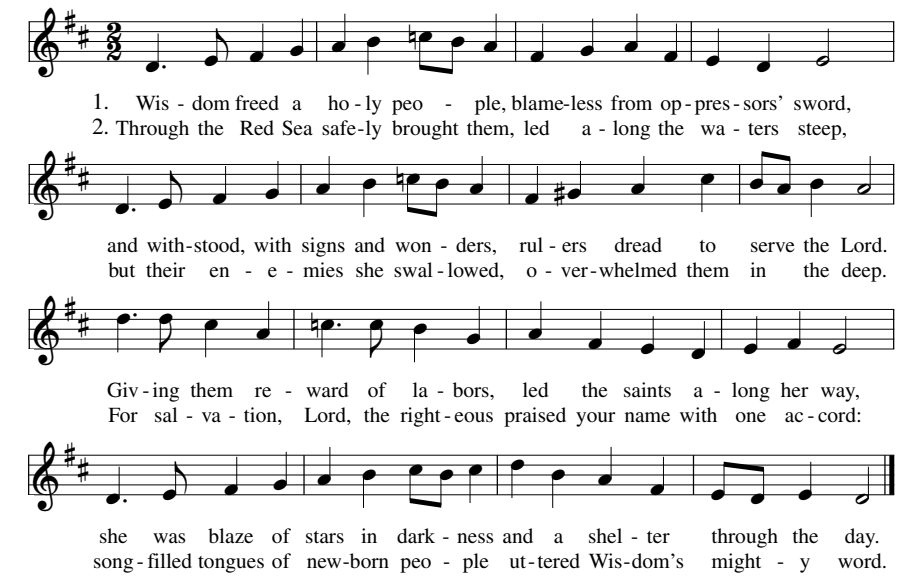
**The Second Lesson:** *Romans 10:8b-13*

“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn:** *A Song of Wisdom*



1. Wis - dom freed a ho - ly peo - ple, blame-less from op-pres-sors' sword,  
2. Through the Red Sea safe-ly brought them, led a - long the wa - ters steep,  
and with-stood, with signs and won - ders, rul - ers dread to serve the Lord.  
but their en - e - mies she swal - lowed, o - ver-whelmed them in the deep.  
Giv-ing them re - ward of la - bors, led the saints a - long her way,  
For sal - va - tion, Lord, the right-eous praised your name with one ac - cord:  
she was blaze of stars in dark - ness and a shel - ter through the day.  
song - filled tongues of new-born peo - ple ut-tered Wis-dom's might - y word.

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

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Gospel:** *Luke 4:1-13*

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

*Reader* The Gospel of the Lord.

*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 Peace

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

*People* **And also with you.**

**Offertory Anthem: Herr, schicke, was du wilt (Lord, Grant us What you Will)**

Hugo Distler (1908-1942)

The Women of the St. Andrew's Adult Choir

*Lord, grant us what You will of happiness or sorrow! I am content that both flow according to Your will. Lord, grant us what You will of happiness or sorrow! Not with elation nor yet desolation pray You overwhelm us! But between them is a lovely location. Lord, grant us what You will of happiness or sorrow!*

**Children's Entrance Hymn 559: Lead Us, Heavenly Father**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Enriching Our Worship 2

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.  
**From before time you made ready the creation.**

Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. **You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.**

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. **Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.**

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

**Sanctus S-113: Holy, Holy, Holy**

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. **Living among us, Jesus loved us.**

He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. **He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.**

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, as we remember Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, **We offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.**

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. **Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth, and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.**

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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: What Wondrous Love is This** arr. Brenda Austin  
The St. Dunstan Handbell Choir

**Communion Hymn 150: Forty Days and Forty Nights**

*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.

*People* **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn 142: Lord, who Throughout These Forty Days**

*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: Fugue in E Flat Major** Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1931)  
Oliver Steissberg, Organ