

Morning Worship
Lent 1

Preparation

We welcome one another in the name of Christ.

God's grace, mercy and peace be with you

All **and also with you.**

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised,

All **there is no end to God's greatness.**

One generation shall praise your works to another

All **and shall declare your righteous acts.**

All your works praise you, Lord,

All **and your faithful servants bless you.**

They make known the glory of your kingdom

All **and speak of your goodness.**

Let us speak the praise of the Lord:

All **let all flesh bless God's holy name for ever and ever.**

The minister may say

We gather in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Prayers of Penitence

The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all. As we offer ourselves in penitence and faith we renew our confidence and trust in God's mercy.

Silence may be kept

Christ came in humility to share our lives:
forgive our pride.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ came with good news for all people:

forgive our silence.
Christ, have mercy.
All **Christ, have mercy.**

Christ came in love to a world of suffering:
forgive our self-centredness.
Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

hymn

As the deer pants for the water,
So my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.
*You alone are my strength, my shield,
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.*

I want You more than gold or silver,
Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
And the apple of my eye.
*You alone are my strength, my shield,
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You*

You're my Friend and You are my Brother,
Even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other,
So much more than anything.
*You alone are my strength, my shield,
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You*

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May the God of all healing and forgiveness
receive us and renew us,
and raise us to new life in Christ.
Amen.

Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Holy God, creator, for speaking the world into being, filling it with wonder, beauty, and such rich variety.

For every blessing we have received

All **we give you thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Holy God, redeemer, for Jesus Christ our Saviour, truly divine and truly human, living and dying for us, and going before us into heaven.

For every blessing we have received

All **we give you thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Holy God, life-giver, for the Holy Spirit, the fire of love burning in our hearts, bringing us to faith, and calling us to holiness in the Church and in the world.

For every blessing we have received

All **we give you thanks and praise.**

The Word of God

Genesis 9:8-17

Then 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.'

Here ends the reading.

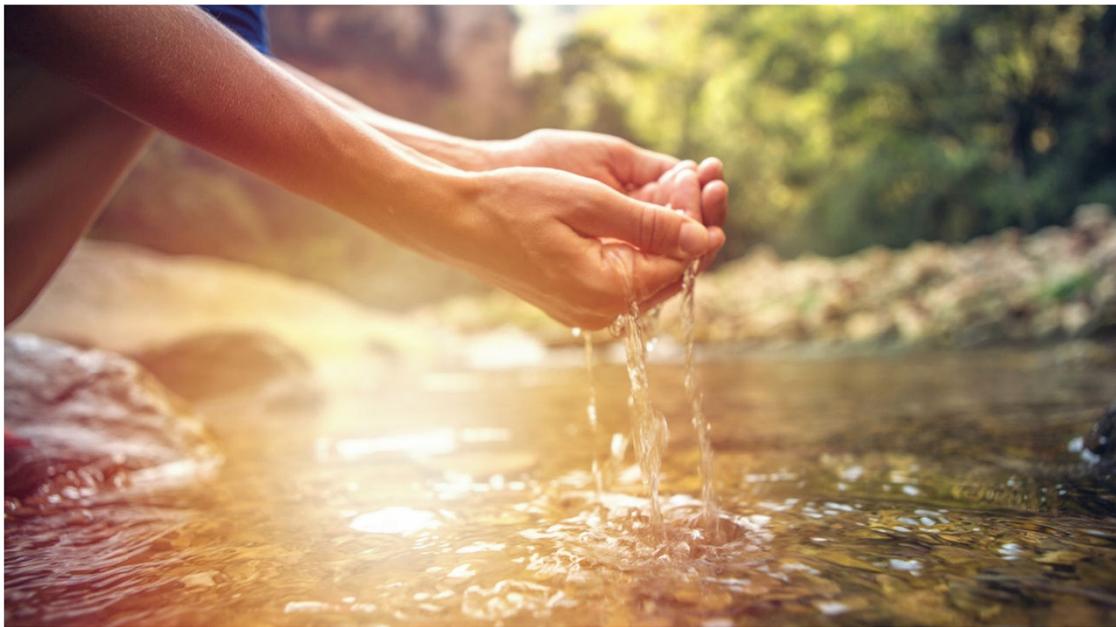
Mark 1:9-15

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 for 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.'

Here ends the reading.

Scripture Reflection



Silence may follow

Prayers

Intercessions are offered

Collect of the day is said

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with
you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

and the Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All **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.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Conclusion

hymn

All for Jesus - all for Jesus,
this our song shall ever be;
for we have no hope, nor Saviour,
if we have not hope in thee.

All for Jesus - thou wilt give us
strength to serve thee, hour by hour,
none can move us from thy presence,
while we trust thy love and power.

All for Jesus - thou hast loved us;
all for Jesus - thou hast died;
all for Jesus - thou art with us;
all for Jesus crucified.

All for Jesus - all for Jesus -
this the Church's song must be;
till, at last, we all are gathered
one in love and one in thee.

WJ Sparrow-Simpson

The Peace

Though many, we form one body in Christ.
All **We belong to one another.**

By God's grace we have different gifts.
All **We will use them in faith.**

Rejoice in hope, stand firm in trouble, be constant in prayer.
All **Filled with the Spirit we will serve the Lord.**

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

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