

# First Sunday In Lent

March 9<sup>th</sup> 2025 9:30am



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**Preparation For Worship:** He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. *Psalm 91:1*

## Opening Song

## Goodness Of God

I love You Lord  
Oh Your mercy never fails me  
All my days  
I've been held in Your hands  
From the moment that I wake up  
Until I lay my head  
I will sing of the goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful  
All my life You have been so so good  
With every breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice  
You have led me through the fire  
In darkest night  
You are close like no other  
I've known You as a father  
I've known You as a friend  
I have lived in the goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful  
All my life You have been so so good  
With every breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after  
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With my life laid down  
I'm surrendered now  
I give You everything  
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### **Invocation**

**Pastor:** We gather today in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen.**

**Pastor:** God the Father loved us so much that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever would believe in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

**People:** **The promised Messiah came! We celebrate the Epiphany of His coming. Emmanuel is God with us, and Christ will come again! He is the Prince of Peace, and Lord of all! God is good!**

**Pastor:** All the time!

**People:** **All the time!**

**Pastor:** God is good!

**People:** **Let us come to Him then with an honest heart to worship Him in spirit and truth.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

**Pastor:** We confess our need of forgiveness, and that God's forgiveness is the gift that leads to newness of life. Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us, born in a manger, died on a cross, and risen from the grave: All to redeem us from sin, death, the devil, and our sinful self. As Paul wrote in Romans 3 "This was to show God's righteousness, because in God's divine forbearance God had passed over former sins; it was to prove at the present time that God is righteous and that

God justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.” Acknowledging the promise and call of God to confess, repent and receive forgiveness, we join in the Apostle John’s words:

**People:** **If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned we make God a liar, and His Word is not in us.**

**Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Forgive me of my sins, I pray. (Reflection for confession)**

**Pastor:** Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called servant of Jesus our Christ, and by His authority, I announce God’s grace to you, and the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. To all who believe on His name He gave power to become the children of God, and gave His Holy Spirit. Those who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this O Lord, unto us all.

**People:** **Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

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

**Pastor:** Daily Text

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

*Psalm 105:3*

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Romans 15:13*

Let us pray:

**People:** **God of hope, there are times when I question my belief in You. But the faith You give is beyond belief. It is a lifeline from You. It’s a gift that sets me free. Lord, when I look for You, please remind me that I am already found. Fill me with Your peace. Let me share the joy. Amen.**

### **Scripture Lessons** *Read*

First Lesson

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

<sup>1</sup> “When you come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, <sup>2</sup> you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the Lord your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. <sup>3</sup> And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our fathers to give us.’ <sup>4</sup> Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the Lord your God. <sup>5</sup> “And you shall make response before the Lord your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. <sup>6</sup> And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. <sup>7</sup> Then we cried to the Lord, the God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and

saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup> And the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. <sup>9</sup> And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup> And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O Lord, have given me.' And you shall set it down before the Lord your God and worship before the Lord your God. <sup>11</sup> And you shall rejoice in all the good that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.

## The Psalm

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

<sup>1</sup> He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. <sup>2</sup> I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." <sup>9</sup> Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge—<sup>10</sup> no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent. <sup>11</sup> For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. <sup>12</sup> On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone. <sup>13</sup> You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot. <sup>14</sup> "Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. <sup>15</sup> When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. <sup>16</sup> With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

## Second Lesson

Romans 10:8b-13

<sup>8</sup> But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup> because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup> For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

**Reader:** Please rise for the reading of the Gospel. God has given us Good News.

**People:** **Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. You have the words of eternal life.**

*Psalm 119:105, John 6:68*

## Gospel Lesson

Luke 4:1-13

<sup>1</sup> And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness <sup>2</sup> for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." <sup>4</sup> And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'" <sup>5</sup> And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, <sup>6</sup> and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. <sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours."

<sup>8</sup> And Jesus answered him, "It is written,

"You shall worship the Lord your God,  
and him only shall you serve."

<sup>9</sup> And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him,  
"If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you,  
to guard you,'

<sup>11</sup> and

"On their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone."

<sup>12</sup> And Jesus answered him,

"It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

<sup>13</sup> And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to You, O Christ.**

### **Nicene Creed**

People: **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 Christian 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.**

### **Sermon Song**

### **Here's My Heart**

**Here's my heart, Lord - here's my heart, Lord  
Here's my heart, Lord - speak what is true**

**'Cause I am found - I am Yours  
I am loved - I'm made pure  
I have life - I can breathe  
I am healed - I am free**

**Here's my heart, Lord - here's my heart, Lord  
Here's my heart, Lord - speak what is true**

**'Cause I am found - I am Yours  
I am loved - I'm made pure  
I have life - I can breathe  
I am healed - I am free**

**'Cause You are strong - You are sure  
You are life - You endure  
You are good - always true  
You are light - breaking through**

**Here's my heart, Lord - here's my heart, Lord  
Here's my heart, Lord - speak what is true**

**Here's my life, Lord - here's my life, Lord  
Here's my life, Lord - speak what is true  
Speak what is true - speak what is true**

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You are life - You endure  
You are good - always true  
You are light - breaking through**

**You are more than enough  
You are here - You are love  
You are hope - You are grace  
You're all I have - You're everything**

**Here's my heart, Lord - here's my heart, Lord  
Here's my heart, Lord - speak what is true**

**Here's my life, Lord - here's my life, Lord  
Here's my life, Lord - speak what is true  
Speak what is true - speak what is true**

## Offering Song

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;  
As Thou has been, Thou forever wilt be.

*Refrain:* Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest;  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

*Refrain:* Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

## Prayers of the Church *Pray*

*The congregation is invited to join in prayers that include whole Church, the nation, those in need, the parish, additional petitions and special concerns.*

Pastor: Let's join together to pray with Jesus for all that He loves right here, and to the ends of the earth. Father, our Father in heaven, You are the present active, Creator, and Redeemer of our heart, soul, mind and body.

People: **Thank You Lord, that in You we are made a part of Your great salvation of all that You have created. You have made us Your redeemed children. We join today with all those throughout the world who follow You, and pray that Your kingdom would come, and Your will would be done among us as it is in heaven.**

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude with these words...*

Pastor: You are our God, and we are Your people... Thank You that You hear our prayers, and work in all things for the good of those who love You. To You be all glory, honor, and praise.

People: **Amen.**

## Preface, Proper Preface and Sanctus

Pastor: The Lord be with You.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, He lived among us to reveal Your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to His own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**People<sub>(sung)</sub> Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

### **Words Of Institution**

Pastor: In the night in which He was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take and eat, this is My body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." Again after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of Me."

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Lord, remembering Your love and Your life we pray as You taught us to pray:

**People: 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, forever and ever. Amen**

### **Distribution Of Holy Communion**

*All who sincerely believe in the real presence of Christ in the Holy Communion – that the cup of blessing is the Communion of the blood of Christ and the bread is the Communion of the body of Christ, and sincerely believing that in receiving Him we have the forgiveness of our sins, salvation, and strength for the Christian life, come – partake of the Lord's Supper.*

### **Communion Song**

**I Will Follow**

**Where You go I'll go  
Where You stay I'll stay  
When You move I'll move  
I will follow**

**Oh oh oh**



All Your ways are good  
All Your ways are sure  
I will trust in You alone  
Higher than my sight  
High above my life  
I will trust in You alone

Where You go I'll go  
Where You stay I'll stay  
When You move I'll move  
I will follow  
Whom You love I'll love  
How You serve I'll serve

Where You go I'll go  
Where You stay I'll stay  
When You move I'll move  
I will follow You  
Whom You love I'll love  
How You serve I'll serve  
If this life I Lose  
I will follow You

Yeah I will follow You yeah

Light into the world  
Light into my life  
I will live for You alone  
You're the One I seek  
Knowing I will find  
All I need in You alone  
In You alone

Where You go I'll go  
Where You stay I'll stay  
When You move I'll move  
I will follow You  
Whom You love I'll love  
How You serve I'll serve  
If this life I lose  
I will follow You

Yeah I will follow You yeah

In You there's life everlasting  
In You there's freedom for my soul  
In You there's joy unending joy  
And I will follow

Where You go I'll go  
Where You stay I'll stay  
When You move I'll move  
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### **Nunc Dimittis**

Pastor: Now Lord, let your servants depart in peace, according to your Word. For our eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now, and will be, world without end. Amen.

### **Benediction** *Bless*

Pastor: Now, may the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May He make His face shine on you, and be gracious unto you.  
May the Lord look upon you with favor, and give you His peace.

**People: Amen.**

**Blessing:** Child of God, believe in Jesus. He will complete what He has begun.

Pastor: Our worship continues,

**People: our service begins!**

### **Closing Song**

### **Everlasting God**

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord

**Our God You reign forever  
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer**

**You are the everlasting God  
The everlasting God  
You do not faint  
You won't grow weary  
You're the defender of the weak  
You comfort those in need  
You lift us up on wings like eagles**

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