

Welcome to St. Augustine's The Episcopal Center at URI

A House of Prayer for all People in the Episcopal Tradition.



Lent 1

St. Augustine's Church
February 21, 2021

- 1 The glory of these forty days
 we celebrate with songs of praise;
 for Christ, through whom all things were made,
 himself has fasted and has prayed.

- 2 Alone and fasting Moses saw
 the loving God who gave the law;
 and to Elijah, fasting, came
 the steeds and chariots of flame.

- 3 So Daniel trained his mystic sight,
 delivered from the lions' might;
 and John, the Bridegroom's friend, became
 the herald of Messiah's name.

- 4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be
 full oft in fast and prayer with thee;
 our spirits strengthen with thy grace,
 and give us joy to see thy face.

- 5 O Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
 to thee be every prayer addressed,
 who art in threefold Name adored,
 from age to age, the only Lord.

Celebrant Blessed be the God of our salvation.

People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other

commandment greater than these.”

Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only in your will. Amen.**

Celebrant Loving God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Celebrant Kyrie eleison

People **Christe eleison**

Celebrant Kyrie eleison

Celebrant May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray together.

The Collect of the Day

God of trackless desert, whose Son walked untamed in league with beasts and spirits, whose kingdom is not distant but breaking in among us: give us time and space to find a new identity to let go of control and walk the pilgrim way; through Jesus Christ, the good news of salvation. **Amen.**

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.”

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-9

- 1 To you, O God, 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.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O God, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 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.

- 5 Remember, O God, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O God.
- 7 Gracious and upright are you; *
therefore you teach sinners in your way.
- 8 You guide the humble in doing right *
and teach your way to the lowly.
- 9 All your paths are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

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.

At the conclusion of the reading:

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

People **Glory to you O Christ.**

The Holy 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 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.”

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

Lenten Prayers of the People

We invite you to add your intercessions either silently or aloud at each bidding.

For the strength of God’s loving kindness and the joy of community, we raise our voices in thanks and praise, giving thanks especially for.....For this we pray.

Grant us grace and courage to be people of action.

We pray for the Church, that it may fulfill its role as an instrument of peace and justice. We ask that you guide your people into compassion, steadfastness, and hope. We pray especially for the Church, the Body of Christ, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Nicholas, our Bishop; for the people of God, gathered from every nation under heaven; may we proclaim in every language, the dawning of a new age. In the **Anglican**

Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of the province of Central Africa. In the **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for all deacons as they make Christ and his redemptive love known to the world.... and for all who witness to your presence in the world.For this we pray

Grant us grace and courage to live faithfully.

We live in a world of abundance, where too many go hungry; in a world of possibilities where too many live in despair; and in a world where we often fail to challenge the violence that surrounds us. We remember especially.... For this we pray

Grant us grace and courage to support one another.

We pray for the afflicted and those whose burdens are heavy, especially....We pray that they may find comfort and healing... For this we pray

Grant us grace and courage to comfort those in need

We pray for all who have died that they may continue to rest in God's love. We pray for...and for those whose lives are taken daily in the violence of war.... For this we pray

Grant us grace and courage to grieve and remember.

We thank you for the beauty of creation. Give us a reverence for the Earth that we may preserve and use its resources wisely, passing them on from generation to generation.... For this we pray

Grant us grace and courage to build a more loving and sustainable world.

We also thank you, O God, for the people in our lives and we remember those with birthdays this week: Carol DiMasi Berggren, Jan Terry, Gina Hector, Chase Robert Brabrook, Devon Aparicio and Ann Dunham.... For this we pray

Grant that we may serve Christ in all people, loving one another as you love us.

(Together) Gracious and merciful God, your image within us bears witness to your abiding love. You call to us throughout history in the voices of prophets, poets and mystics. May our lives be sources of healing, hope and transformation in your cherished world. Amen

Collects The Vicar

And now, as Jesus has taught us, we pray,

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. 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, the power, and the
glory now and forever. Amen.**

Closing Hymn Lord who throughout these forty days 142

- ¹ Lord, who throughout these forty days
 for us didst fast and pray,
 teach us with thee to mourn our sins,
 and close by thee to stay.
- ² As thou with Satan didst contend,
 and didst the victory win,
 O give us strength in thee to fight,
 in thee to conquer sin.
- ³ As thou didst hunger bear and thirst,
 so teach us, gracious Lord,
 to die to self, and chiefly live
 by thy most holy word.

4 And through these days of penitence,
and through thy Passiontide,
yea, evermore, in life and death,
Jesus! with us abide.

5 Abide with us, that so, this life
of suffering overpast,
an Easter of unending joy
we may attain at last!

Blessing

“Grant, most merciful God, to your faithful people, pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind: Through Christ our Lord. Amen.”

Announcements

Special envelopes/offerings for fuel are very welcome in February.

Dismissal

Dismissal response: **Thanks be to God.**





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