



Saints Faith, Hope & Charity Parish  
First Sunday in Lent  
February 21, 2021

**OPENING HYMN**

*From Ashes to the Living Font*

From ashes to the living font  
Your Church must journey, Lord,  
Baptized in grace, in grace renewed  
By your most holy word.

Through fasting, prayer, and charity  
Your voice speaks deep within,  
Returning us to ways of truth  
And turning us from sin.

From desert to the mountaintop  
In Christ our way we see,  
So, tempered by temptation's might  
We might transfigured be.

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INTRODUCTORY RITES

LITURGY OF THE WORD

**FIRST READING**

*Gn 9:8-15*

God said to Noah and to his sons with him:  
“See, I am now establishing my covenant with you  
and your descendants after you  
and with every living creature that was with you:  
all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals  
that were with you and came out of the ark.  
I will establish my covenant with you,  
that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed  
by the waters of a flood;  
there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth.”  
God added: “This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come,  
of the covenant between me and you  
and every living creature with you:  
I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign  
of the covenant between me and the earth.  
When I bring clouds over the earth,  
and the bow appears in the clouds,  
I will recall the covenant I have made  
between me and you and all living beings,  
so that the waters shall never again become a flood  
to destroy all mortal beings.”

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**     *PS 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9*

**Refrain:** Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths,  
Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.

**R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**

Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old.  
In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.

**R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**

Good and upright is the LORD, thus he shows sinners the way.

He guides the humble to justice, and he teaches the humble his way.

**R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**

**SECOND READING**     *1 Pt 3:18-22*

Beloved:

Christ suffered for sins once,  
the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous,  
that he might lead you to God.

Put to death in the flesh,  
he was brought to life in the Spirit.

In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison,  
who had once been disobedient

while God patiently waited in the days of Noah  
during the building of the ark,

in which a few persons, eight in all,  
were saved through water.

This prefigured baptism, which saves you now.

It is not a removal of dirt from the body  
but an appeal to God for a clear 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 subject to him.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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*Mk 1:12-15*

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert,  
and he remained in the desert for forty days,  
tempted by Satan.

He was among wild beasts,  
and the angels ministered to him.

After John had been arrested,

Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:

“This is the time of fulfillment.

The kingdom of God is at hand.

Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

**HOMILY**

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day  
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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**OFFERTORY HYMN**            *Hosea (Come Back to Me)*

Come back to me with all your heart.  
Don't let fear keep us apart.  
Trees do bend, 'though straight and tall;  
so must we to others' call.

**Refrain:** Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply our new life.

The wilderness will lead you  
to your heart where I will speak.  
Integrity and justice,  
with tenderness, you shall know.

You shall sleep secure with peace;  
faithfulness will be your joy.

Text: Based on Hosea 6:1, 3:3, 2:16, 21; Joel 2:12; Gregory Norbert, b.1940, © 1972, 1980, The Benedictine Foundation of the State of Vermont, Inc.

## HOLY,HOLY,HOLY-THE LORD'S PRAYER-SIGN OF PEACE-LAMB OF GOD-COMMUNION

### COMMUNION HYMN *Return to the Lord*

Blow the trumpet in Zion! Gather the people. Sound the alarm!  
The day of the Lord is near.  
Come, and be cleansed.

Blow the trumpet in Zion! Gather the people, sound the alarm!  
The day of the Lord is near.  
Come, and be healed.

Blow the trumpet in Zion! Gather the people, sound the alarm!  
The day of the Lord is near.  
Come, and be filled.

Blow the trumpet in Zion! Gather the people, sound the alarm!  
The day of the Lord is near.  
Come and rejoice!

Blow the trumpet in Zion! Gather the people, sound the alarm!  
The day of the Lord is near.  
Come, and find peace.

### CONCLUDING RITES

### BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

### CLOSING HYMN *Lord of the Dance*

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,  
But they would not dance, and they wouldn't follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;  
They came with me and the dance went on.

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame:  
The holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,  
And left me there on a Cross to die.

#### Refrain:

Return to the Lord  
with all your heart,  
with fasting and weeping  
and mourning.  
The Lord is gracious,  
full of mercy,  
slow to anger, rich in love.

Text: Based on Joel 2:1, 12-18,26,  
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#### Refrain:

Dance then wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you  
may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the Dance,  
said he.

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