

# First Sunday in Lent

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*“As a welcoming Body of Christ, we celebrate and share God’s saving grace for all.”*



Prelude

*“Holy Spirit, Rain Down”*

Rick Schaal

## INTRODUCTION

*On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah’s family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.*

Welcome – Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

C: ***By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.***

P: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

C: ***Show us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.***

P: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathering Song

*“Lord, I Need You”*

Christy Nockels, Daniel Carson, Jesse Reeves

Kristian Stanfill, Matt Maher

Lord, I come ... I confess.

Bowing here ... I find my rest.

And without You... I fall apart.

You’re the One ... that guides my heart.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You.

Ev’ry hour I need You.

My one defense, my righteousness,

Oh, God, how I need you.

Where sin runs deep ...

Your grace is more,

Where grace is found ...

is where You are.

And where You are, ... Lord I am free.

Ho-li-ness .. is Christ in me.

Where You are, ... Lord I am free.

Ho-li-ness .. is Christ in me.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You.  
Ev'ry hour I need You.  
My one defense, my righteousness,  
Oh, God, how I need you.

So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way.  
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You.  
Jesus, You're my hope and stay.  
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You.  
Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

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First Reading Genesis 9:8-17  
God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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.” <sup>12</sup>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: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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.” <sup>17</sup>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.”

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Reading Psalm 25:1-10  
To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. <sup>2</sup>My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me. <sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous. <sup>4</sup>Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. <sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord. <sup>8</sup>You are gracious and upright, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners in your way. <sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way. All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

Second Reading 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, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>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, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." <sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: ***Praise to you, O Christ!***

Message

Pr. Susan Dollinger

*"Come As You Are"*

David Crowder, Ben Glover, Matt Maher

Come out of sadness, from wherever you've been;  
Come, brokenhearted, let rescue begin;  
Come find your mercy, oh, sinner come kneel;  
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal;  
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.

(Chorus:)

Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame;  
All who are broken, lift up your face;  
Oh, wanderer, come home, you're not too far;  
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart,  
Come as you are.

There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed;  
Come sit at the table, come taste the grace;  
There's rest for the weary, a rest that endures;  
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure.

(Chorus:)

Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame;  
All who are broken, lift up your face;  
Oh, wanderer, come home, you're not too far;  
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart,  
Come as you are; Come as you are.  
Fall in His arms, Come as you are.

There's joy for the morning; Sinner, be still;  
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal;  
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.

(Chorus:)

Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame;  
All who are broken, lift up your face;  
Oh, wanderer, come home, you're not too far;  
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart,  
Come as you are; Come as you are;  
Come as you are; Come as you are.

Apostles' Creed

***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.***

Prayers of Intercession

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence*

In Jesus your realm has come near to us in every place and time. Give your church throughout the world a spirit of humility and repentance; teach us to trust always in the good news of your salvation. Hear us, O God.

***Your mercy is great.***

You have made a covenant of mercy with every living creature. Protect all the earth's creatures from destruction. Empower the work of biologists, conservationists, and science educators. Hear us, O God.

***Your mercy is great.***

All your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness. Direct the words and actions of leaders in our community and throughout the world, that they may maintain justice for the lowly. Hear us, O God.

***Your mercy is great.***

Even in the wilderness you are with us. Walk alongside migrants and refugees crossing dangerous lands. Tend to those whose lives feel desolate. Give healing and strength to all who suffer, especially those we remember aloud or in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

***Your mercy is great.***

In the covenant of baptism you claim us as beloved children. Nurture us in our baptismal identity and teach us to live within it for the sake of others. Strengthen this congregation's ministries of care and concern. Hear us, O God.

***Your mercy is great.***

In baptism you join us to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We praise you for all those who have died trusting in your faithfulness. Bring us with them to the fullness of your reign. Hear us, O God.

***Your mercy is great.***

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: ***And also with you.***

*Please share a time of peace online with one another using the chat comments or with someone next to you or spend this time in prayer.*

*"Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am "*

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Take, oh, take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

*Repeat all as directed*

The Lord's Prayer

***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.***

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

Sending Song

*"One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)"*

J. Riddle, B. Johnson, C. Gifford

Higher than the mountains that I face,  
Stronger than the power of the grave,  
Constant in the trial and the change,  
This one thing .... re-mains,  
This one thing .... re-mains:

Your Love never fails, it never gives up,  
it never runs out on me.

Your Love never fails, it never gives up,  
it never runs out on me.

Your Love never fails, it never gives up,  
it never runs out on me.

Your Love.

And on and on and on and on it goes.

Yes, it overwhelms and satisfies my soul.

And I'll never, ever have to be afraid,  
'cause this one thing re-mains:

Your Love never fails, it never gives up,  
it never runs out on me.

Your Love never fails, it never gives up,  
it never runs out on me.

Your Love never fails, it never gives up,  
it never runs out on me.

Your Love.

Oh, ... in death, in life,

I'm confident and covered by the pow'r of Your great love.

I know my debt is paid.

There's no-thing that could separate my heart  
from Your great love

Your Love never fails, it never gives up,  
it never runs out on me.

Your Love never fails, it never gives up,  
it never runs out on me.

And on and on and on and on it goes.

Yes, it overwhelms and satisfies my soul.

And I'll never, ever have to be afraid,  
'cause this one thing re-mains:

Your Love never fails, it never gives up,  
it never runs out on me.

Your Love never fails, it never gives up,  
it never runs out on me. Oh, no.

Your Love never fails, it never gives up,  
it never runs out on me.

Your Love. It's Your Love.

God, I know Your Love is never ending,  
Your Love is never failing.  
It's Your Love, Your Love, Your Love.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

***Thanks be to God!***

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