

St. Luke's Table

FIRST SUNDAY in LENT

We shall not live by bread
alone, but by every word
that proceeds from the
mouth of God.

Matthew 4.4



Our Daily Bread, Zorn, Anders, 1860-1920

Welcome and Good Morning!

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The Gathering
of the Community

Opening Hymn

Beneath the Cross
of Jesus



Vision of the Cross, Church, Frederic Edwin, 1826-1900

The Symbols of Lent: The Crown of Thorns

Today we place the crown of thorns upon the cross. With a crown of thorns we mocked and marred the one who proclaimed a Kingdom we did not want.

But today we also remember a redemption that came to us through suffering.

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**Lord Jesus, with a crown of thorns
we mocked the Kingdom you proclaimed.
With a crown of thorns
we rejected you as our King.
Help us say “No” to our private notions
of how the Kingdom of God
should look.
Help us say “Yes” to the cross.**



Throughout the centuries we have ascribed greatness to those who bring quick resolutions to our political conflicts. We want immediate results with little cost.

Lord Jesus, we confess we are often disappointed in the Kingdom you reveal. Your Kingdom reflects your patience with creation. Your Kingdom requires our participation. Help us say “No” to our craving for ease and luxury. Help us say “Yes” to the cross.

Our world honors kings who enforce peace by destroying their enemies. The King we crowned with thorns established peace by dying for his enemies, the righteous for the unrighteous, to reconcile us to God.

Lord Jesus, we still look for leaders to bring peace through power. To the mighty, the strong, and the beautiful we grant our places of honor. Help us say “No” to our dread of weakness. Help us say “Yes” to the cross.

Let us pray together:

Almighty God, we want kingdoms with great power. Your Son came in weakness. We want deliverance through conquest. Your Son brought deliverance through suffering. We want freedom from temptation. Your Son participates in our struggles. Free us from our selves; deliver us from our evil; conform us to the image of your Son. Amen.

The Crown of Thorns is hung on the cross

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The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

And also with you.

Almighty God,
**To you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

**Almighty God,
whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are but did not sin,
give us grace to discipline ourselves
in submission to your Spirit,
that as you know our weakness,
so we may know your power to save;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Proclamation
of the Word

First Reading:

Genesis 9: 8-17



The Dove Returning to Noah -- Emile Aebischer,
Parish Church, Gruyeres, Switzerland

Psalm 25: 1-9: (alternating verses)

To you, O Lord, 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.

**Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.

**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.**

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

**Remember not the sins of my youth and my
transgressions; remember me
according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

**He guides the humble in doing right
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**God of compassion and love, forgive our sins,
relieve our misery, satisfy our longing,
and fulfil all our hopes for peace;
through your Son Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

Second Reading:

1 Peter 3: 18-22



Noah's Ark Icon -- Natalia Ermakova, St Nicholas
Russian Orthodox Church, Amsterdam

Gradual Hymn

You Who Dwell
in the Shelter of the Lord



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The Good News:

Gospel of Christ
according to
Mark 1: 9-15



Christ in the Wilderness
Ivan Kramskoi, Moscow, Russia

Reflection



Sermon on the Mount, Laura James

The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism,
as we say,

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
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 the People

Offered by
Jackie Snair



This is the Way to God, Doi Inthanon National Park,
Thailand

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners
and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
Confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord
be always with you.

And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn

What A Friend
We Have In Jesus



Rainbow Covenant, John August Swanson

Prayer over the Gifts

**God our refuge and our strength,
receive all we offer you this day,
and through the death and resurrection of your Son
transform us to his likeness.**

We ask this in his name. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving
Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
for the gift of a world full of wonder,
and for our life which comes from you.
By your power you sustain the universe.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

You created us to love you with all our heart,
and to love each other as ourselves,
but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son,
you bring healing to our world
and gather us into one great family.

Therefore, with all who serve you
on earth and in heaven,
we praise your wonderful name, as we say,

**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.**

We give you thanks and praise, loving Father,
because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us
you showed us how much you love us.
He cares for the poor and the hungry.
He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back
but overcame hatred with love.

On the cross

he defeated the power of sin and death.

By raising him from the dead

you show us the power of your love
to bring new life to all your people.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

On the night before he gave up his life for us,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them,
saying, “Take this, all of you, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends,
and said, “Drink this, all of you:
this is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and eternal covenant,
which is shed for you and for many,
so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in memory of me.”

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God,
with this bread and wine
we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus,
and we offer ourselves to you in him.
Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts,
that we may know the presence of Jesus
in the breaking of bread,
and share in the life of the
Family of your children

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Father, you call us to be your servants;
fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,
that all the world may gather in joy
at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father,
through Jesus, our Lord,
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, we are bold to pray

**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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread.

Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Let your Church be the wheat
which bears its fruit in dying.

**If we have died with him, we shall live with him;
If we hold firm, We shall reign with him.**

The Communion

The gifts of God
for the Children of God.

Thanks be to God.

*Please remain
in your pew
to receive Communion*

Music
During Communion



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Prayer After Communion

Faithful God,

In this holy bread

you increase our faith and hope and love.

Lead us in the path of Christ

Who is your Word of life.

We ask this in his name. Amen.

Doxology

Glory to God,

**whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.**

Glory to God,

**from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen**

Closing Hymn

Restore In Us O God

Please remain

in your seats

for a brief

Annual General

Meeting



Healing of a Leper -- Niels Larsen Stevns, 1913

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