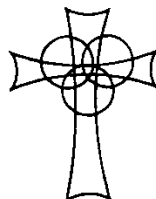




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**The Sacred Season of Lent 2021**  
**The Road Back to God**

**Midweek Lenten Devotions and Bible Study**  
**The Third Wednesday of Lent**  
**March 3, 2021**

**Service of the Word in the Season of Lent**

✠ *Jesus, Mercy!* ✠

The Opening Versicles:

*Psalms 51:15, 70:1, 39:13*

- P** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.
- P** Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry;  
**C** hold not Your peace at my tears.
- C** 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 forever. Amen.  
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

- P** <sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- C** <sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**
- P** <sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD, over many waters.
- C** <sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**
- P** <sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- C** <sup>6</sup>**He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**
- P** <sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD  
flashes forth flames of fire.
- C** <sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- P** <sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth  
and strips the forests bare,  
and in his temple all cry, “Glory!”
- C** <sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**
- P** <sup>11</sup>May the LORD give strength to his people!  
May the LORD bless his people with peace!
- C** **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 forever. Amen.**

<sup>7:1</sup>Then the LORD said to Noah, “Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you are righteous before me in this generation. <sup>2</sup>Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and his mate, and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and his mate, <sup>3</sup>and seven pairs of the birds of the heavens also, male and female, to keep their offspring alive on the face of all the earth. <sup>4</sup>For in seven days I will send rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground.” <sup>5</sup>And Noah did all that the LORD had commanded him.

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<sup>11</sup>In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. <sup>12</sup>And rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights. <sup>13</sup>On the very same day Noah and his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them entered the ark, <sup>14</sup>they and every beast, according to its kind, and all the livestock according to their kinds, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, according to its kind, and every bird, according to its kind, every winged creature. <sup>15</sup>They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. <sup>16</sup>And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him. And the LORD shut him in.

<sup>17</sup>The flood continued forty days on the earth. The waters increased and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. <sup>18</sup>The waters prevailed and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the face of the waters. . . .

<sup>8:6</sup>At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made <sup>7</sup>and sent forth a raven. It went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground. <sup>9</sup>But the dove found no place to set her foot, and she returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took her and brought her into the ark with him. <sup>10</sup>He waited another seven days, and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>And the dove came back to him in the evening, and behold, in her mouth was a freshly plucked olive leaf. So Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. <sup>12</sup>Then he waited another seven days and sent forth the dove, and she did not return to him anymore.

<sup>13</sup>In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried from off the earth. And Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and behold, the face of the ground was dry. <sup>14</sup>In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth had dried out. <sup>15</sup>Then God said to Noah, <sup>16</sup>"Go out from the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. <sup>17</sup>Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—that they may swarm on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." <sup>18</sup>So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him. . . .

<sup>9:8</sup>Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>"Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." <sup>12</sup>And 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 cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

The Prayers:

**P** In penitence and faith let us make our prayer to the Father and to ask for His mercy and grace.

For Your holy people, that they may, with Your aid, resist evil and grow in grace, we pray to You, O Lord:

**C** **Lord, graciously hear us.**

**P** For all those preparing for Baptism and confirmation, that they may live by every word that proceeds from Your mouth,

we pray to You, O Lord:

**C** **Lord, graciously hear us.**

**P** For the leaders of the nations, that You will guide them in the ways of mercy and truth,

we pray to You, O Lord:

**C** **Lord, graciously hear us.**

**P** For the needy, that they may not be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor be taken away,

we pray to You, O Lord:

**C** **Lord, graciously hear us.**

**P** For the sick in body, mind, and spirit, that they may know Your power to heal, we pray to You, O Lord:

**C** **Lord, graciously hear us.**

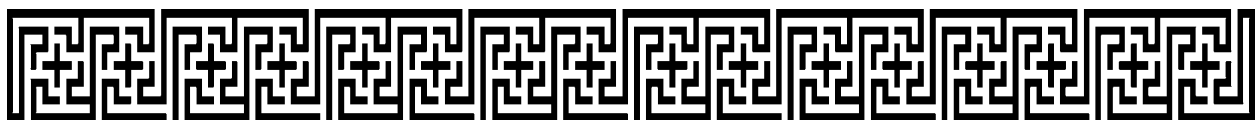
**P** For the poor in spirit, that they may inherit the kingdom of heaven and see You face to face,

we pray to You, O Lord:

**C** **Lord, graciously hear us.**

**P** Let us commend the world, for which Christ suffered, to the mercy and protection of God, offering up to Him our prayers either silently or aloud.

*Open prayer may be offered and silence is kept.*



The Lord's Prayer:

- P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:  
**C** **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.**

The Collect of the Week:

- P** Let us pray.  
O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** **Amen.**

The Collect for the Reading:

- P** O Lord, You kill and You raise to life; You brought the flood upon a wicked and perverse generation, and yet You saved faithful Noah and his family in the ark. Keep us in safety in the ark of Christ's body, the Church, that Your mercy may come to its fullness and Your salvation be preached to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**C** **Amen.**

The Collect for the Lenten Season:

- P** Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** **Amen.**

The Closing Prayer:

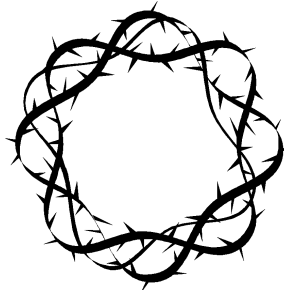
*Ignatius of Loyola (1556)*

- P** We pray:  
**C** **Teach us, good Lord, to serve You as You deserve;  
to give and not to count the cost;  
to fight and not to heed the wounds;  
to toil and not to seek for rest;  
to labor and not to seek for any reward,  
save that of knowing that we do Your will. Amen.**

The Benediction:

- P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.  
**C** **Amen.**

If you were unable to send questions to Pastor Schiebel via messaging during the Facebook Live video, you can email your questions to him at [trinity-elc-pastor@verizon.net](mailto:trinity-elc-pastor@verizon.net).



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