

Readings for the
First Sunday in Lent

Year B
RCL

Genesis 9:8-17
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15
Psalm 25:1-9

The Collect

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

Reader: A reading from the Book of Genesis.

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.

The Psalm: Psalm 25:1-9

Ad te, Domine, levavi

- 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.

The Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

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.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

Presider: Hear the Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ According to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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The Prayers of the People

The people stand as they are able.

Presider O God, you bring hope to your people, hear our prayers for your Church and the world

Intercessor **Open our hearts to welcome all who are seeking to find or deepen their faith and empower us to proclaim your gospel always and everywhere. We pray.**

People O God, hear our prayer.

Intercessor **Look with compassion on your people, take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts, heal our division and strife,, and grant us the strength and courage to struggle for justice that all may have abundant life. We pray.**

People O God, hear our prayer.

Intercessor **Give comfort and help to all those who live with hunger and thirst, who live without adequate shelter, who live with any need. We Pray.**

People O God, hear our prayer.

Intercessor **Grant strength and peace to those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Rosy Velasco, Sylvia Dorsey, Ivette Melendez, Monica Pang, Estela Hernandez, Anita Kramer, Zach Kramer, Melissa Utecht, Shira Marin, Phil Boland, Bill Jays, Sara Emerson, Joanne Runyeon, Kathy Runyeon, David Elms, Peggy Trei, Tom Kennedy and those we name now ... [pause]. We pray.**

People O God, hear our prayer.

Intercessor **Bring all those who have departed this life into your everlasting presence especially Margaret Bushee, Robert Chin, Ray Stafford, the Rev. Iain Stanford,, and those we name now ... [pause] . We pray.**

People O God, hear our prayer.

Presider O God, hear the prayers of your people gathered here and afar, guide our thoughts and actions that we may serve you in all things,

and bring glory to your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord...

Amen.