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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

February 22, 2026 11:00 a.m.

The Rev. Garrett Boyte, *Celebrant*

*The liturgy is found in the red Book of Common Prayer (Prayer Book).
Hymns are in the blue Hymnal 1982, after the Service Music (S) section.*

“The LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.” – Habakkuk 2:20
During the season of Lent, the organ prelude is suppressed. Please observe reverent silence as you enter the nave.

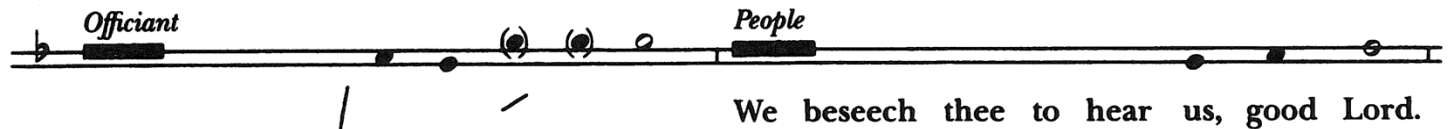
THE GREAT LITANY

<i>Officiant</i>	o	<i>People</i>
O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, Have mer - cy up - on us.		
<i>Officiant</i>	o	<i>People</i>
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mer - cy up - on us.		
<i>Officiant</i>	o	<i>People</i>
O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faith - ful, Have mer - cy up - on us.		
<i>Officiant</i>	o	<i>People</i>
O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, Have mer - cy up - on us.		

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,
Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,
Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in / the right wáy,



The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef on the left. The staff is divided into two sections by a vertical line. The left section is labeled "Officiant" and contains a solid black rectangular block. The right section is labeled "People" and contains a solid black rectangular block. Below the staff, there are several notes and rests. A vertical line is positioned below the first note, and a diagonal slash is positioned below the second note. The text "We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord." is written below the staff, centered under the "People" section.

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

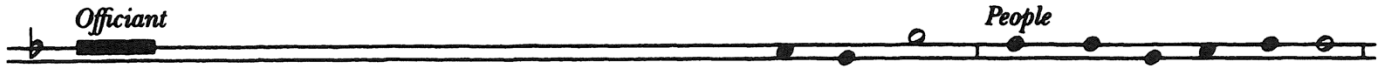
That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

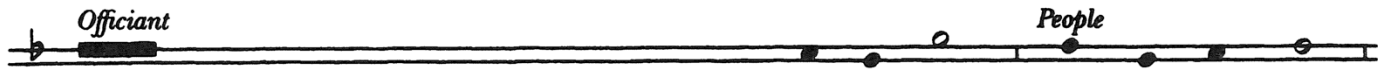
That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Matthias, and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,
 We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.



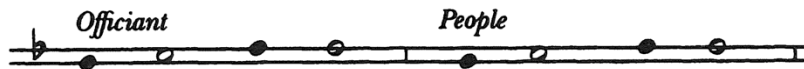
Officiant Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.
People Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.



Officiant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer - cy up - on us.
People O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer - cy up - on us.



Officiant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Grant us thy peace.
People



Officiant O Christ, hear us. *People* O Christ, hear us.



Officiant Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
People Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.
Officiant Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
 Chri - ste e - lei - son.
 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

or

THE WORD OF GOD

The liturgy continues on Page 325 of the Prayer Book.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Now the serpent was more subtle than any other wild creature that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree of the garden?’” And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons.

PSALM 32 Simplified Anglican chant: Jerome Webster Meachen (1930–2010)



One measure of music is sung per half-verse, changing pitch at the slash mark.

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are for-/given, * and whose sin is put a-/way!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no / guilt, * and in whose spirit there is no / guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered a-/way, * because of my groaning all day / long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and / night; * my moisture was dried up as in the heat of / summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my / sin to you, * and did not conceal my / guilt.
- 6 I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the / LORD.” * Then you forgave me the guilt of my / sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of / trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not / reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from / trouble; * you surround me with shouts of de-/liverance.
- 9 “I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should / go; * I will guide you with my / eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no under-/standing; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay / near you.”
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the / wicked; * but mercy embraces those who trust in the / LORD.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the / LORD; * shout for joy, all who are true of / heart.

THE EPISTLE.....Romans 5:12-19

As sin came into the world through one man and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all men sinned— sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the effect of that one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

Then as one man’s trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one man’s act of righteousness leads to acquittal and life for all men. For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man’s obedience many will be made righteous.

HYMN 148 Creator of the earth and skies..... UFFINGHAM

THE HOLY GOSPELMatthew 4:1-11

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

After his baptism, Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And he fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written,

‘Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’”

Then the devil took him to the holy city, and set him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

‘He will give his angels charge of you,’

and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Begone, Satan! for it is written,

'You shall worship the Lord your God
and him only shall you serve.'"

Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and ministered to him.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON..... The Rev. Garrett Boyte

THE NICENE CREED..... Prayer Book, p. 326

THE EXHORTATION

CONFESSION OF SIN Prayer Book, p. 331

THE PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM Ronald Corp (b. 1951)

"Take up your cross," the Savior said, "if you want to follow me."

I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me. Hide your face from my sins and blot out my wicked transgressions.

- Matthew 16:24; Psalm 51:3, 10

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I Prayer Book, p. 333

SANCTUS.....John Marbeck (ca. 1510–1585)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Hosts:

heav'n and earth are full of thy glo - ry.

Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Bless-ed is he that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.

FRACTION ANTHEM..... John Marbeck

O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world,
 have mer-cy up-on us. O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the
 sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Lamb of God,
 that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS..... Prayer Book, p. 337

All Baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Eucharist in The Episcopal Church. If you are not comfortable receiving the Eucharist, you are invited to receive a blessing instead. Simply cross your arms over your chest at the altar rail to indicate that you would prefer a blessing. You are also welcome to remain seated. We encourage you to do whatever is authentic to your beliefs and comfortable to your convictions.

LENT PROSE Attende, Domine..... Plainsong, mode V

*Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.
 To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory: lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:
 Listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.*

- Mozarabic Preces for Sext on the Thursday after the Fifth Sunday in Lent, tr. *The English Hymnal*

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way,
 2. Though Sa - tan should buff - et, though tri - als should come,
 3. My sin- oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought-
 4. And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,

when sor - rows like sea bill - ows roll;
 let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol,
 my sin- not in part, but the whole-
 the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,

what - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
 that Christ hath re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate,
 is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
 the trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de - scend,

“It is well, it is well with my soul.” _____
 and has shed his own blood for my soul. _____
 praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! _____
 “E - ven so,” it is well with my soul. _____

Words: Horatio Gates Spafford (1828-1888)

Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss (1838-1876)

HYMN 147 Now let us all with one accord BOURBON

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Prayer Book, p. 339

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

In Lent, in place of a seasonal blessing, a solemn Prayer over the People is used.

The Celebrant says

Bow down before the Lord.

The People kneel and the Celebrant says

Grant, Almighty God, that thy people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in thy strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of thy loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

HYMN 143 The glory of these forty days ERHALT UNS, HERR

ORGAN POSTLUDE..... *Attende, Domine*..... Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968)

In this season of Lent, the service music turns to that of John Marbeck, composer of *The Booke of Common Praier, Noted*. His communion service dates to 1550. The chant setting of the Great Litany is also attributed to Marbeck. This extended responsive prayer has its roots in the Sarum Rite (the medieval rite particular to Salisbury) and in Martin Luther's litany. Next week, the Liturgy of the Word will begin in a more familiar way.

Welcome to the Church of the Holy Cross! Our community is grounded in Baptism, Eucharist, prayer, and service. For it is in these things that we answer the call of our Lord to love God and love our neighbor.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday..... Holy Eucharist, 9:00 (Chapel) & 11:00 a.m.
Rector's forum, 9:45 a.m. (Undercroft)
Tuesday Morning Prayer, 10:00 a.m. (Chapel)
Wednesday..... ECW Lenten Soup Day, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (Undercroft), \$8.00
Holy Eucharist, Noon (Quire)
Thursday Morning Prayer, 9:00 a.m. (Hope House)
Monday-Saturday Daily Office, 6:00 p.m. (Online)

This week we remember Littleberry Calhoun Allen Jr., Charles E. Booth, Robert Adam Bryant, Albert Leo Edwards, Lloyd Vaughan Guynemer, Kathleen W. Johnson, Sallie F. Land, Helen Cox Leary, Brian Harris Ogier, and Charles Hopkins Parry, buried from Holy Cross.

A tradition of more than 50 years, ECW Lenten soup days begin **this Wednesday, February 25**, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., in the undercroft. Homemade beef vegetable soup and desserts will be served for \$8.00. If you'd like to volunteer to serve, please contact Marshall Middleton.

The **next installment** of this year's **organ recital series** will be **next Sunday, March 1 at 1:30**, featuring works for the season of Lent and Holy Week. This half-hour program is free and open to the public.

The **reading group** meets every **First and Third Wednesday** of the month at **10:00** in the Library. For more information, please call Laura at (318) 564-3590 or text Holly at (662) 279-6801.

Please join us for Holy Week, March 29 through April 5.

Holy Eucharist on Palm Sunday, March 29, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. (Liturgy of the Palms only at 11:00)

Foot Washing at Hope House with Bishop Owensby on Maundy Thursday, April 2, 11:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist on Maundy Thursday, April 2, 6:00 p.m.

The Proper Liturgy of Good Friday, April 3, Noon and 6:00 p.m.

The Office of Holy Saturday, April 4, Noon.

The Great Vigil of Easter, Easter Eve, April 4. Location and time TBA.

Holy Eucharist on Easter Day, 11:00 a.m.