

The First Sunday in Lent 10:00 AM + March 6, 2022

Welcome! You are invited to participate fully in our worship.
Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey of faith,
welcome! Please contact the church office (aschurch@allsaintschelmsford.org)
if you would like to receive our weekly e-bulletin.
Children's Church School at 9:45 a.m., visitors are welcome to join at anytime.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two The Word of God

(all Hymns at the end of the bulletin)

Prelude: *De Profundis* (Psalm 130)

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Silent Procession (*All stand during the procession*)

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

A Pandemic Litany (*all kneeling as able*)

God the Father, in your hands is our health and salvation;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

On this two-year anniversary of the onset of the global pandemic, we your children beseech you to hear us, O Lord God, to look upon this world struck by pandemic and drive far from us this disease;
Good Lord, deliver us.

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

That it may please you to strengthen the weak, the elderly, and those with compromised immune systems;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

That it may please you to give health and comfort to all who contracted the virus and may still be struggling with its effects;
Hear us, O Lord of life;

That it may please you to give wisdom and stamina to all who are working on tests, vaccines, treatments, and other preventative measures;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

That it may please you to bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering; grant them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

That it may please you to give to your people a heart to love their neighbor and to look after those who are most vulnerable;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

That it may please you to support, help, and comfort those who are concerned about finances, businesses, and employment;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

That it may please you to help students to grow in the love of learning and to give their teachers creativity, perseverance, and renewal;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

For all postponed baptisms, confirmations, graduations, weddings, family gatherings, celebrations, and other events;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to all who seek your guidance a knowledge of your will; strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, and comfort with your presence all who are isolated, lonely, anxious, or disheartened;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Restore to wholeness whatever is damaged by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

That it may please you 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;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

That it may please you to rule the hearts of your 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;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will;

Hear us, O Christ.

Restore our worship, kindle our affections, and perfect our praises, that we may draw near to you and to one another;

Hear us, O Christ.

Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit;

Hear us, O Christ.

That it may please you to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sin, negligence, and ignorance; and to endue us with the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy Word;

Hear us, O Christ.

Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet;

Hear us, O Christ.

Grant eternal rest to those who have died and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Hear us, O Christ

Comfort those who grieve, surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have the strength to meet the days to come.

Hear us, O Christ

That it may please you to grant that, in the fellowship of all the saints, we may attain to your heavenly kingdom;

Hear us, O Christ

Son of God, we beseech you to hear us.

Son of God, we beseech you to hear us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

Grant us your peace.

O Christ, hear us.

O Christ, hear us.

A period of silence follows.

Celebrant

Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and obey: Be now and evermore our defense so that we know and feel the mighty working of your Holy Spirit for our health and salvation in the name of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray together.

Collect for The First Sunday in Lent

Said in unison

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.

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us."

When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing

hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

People’s response after the reading

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (Sung by the Choir)

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the Lord, “You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust.”
- 9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

A Reading from Paul’s Letter to the Romans 10:8b-13

“**T**he word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

People’s response after the reading

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 143: *The glory of these forty days*

Tune: *Erhalt uns, Herr*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke 4:1-13

People *Said before the reading*
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Said after the reading
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Paul Kolbet

The Nicene Creed

Spoken by all, standing.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: *Out of the depths I cry to thee*

arr. K. Lee Scott

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

Blue Hymnal S 113

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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O__Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, Have mer-cy up
on us. O__Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak-est a-way the sin of the world,
Have mer-cy up - on us. O__Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak-est a-way the
sin of the world, Grant us thy peace... A_____ men

Celebrant

Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey of faith, these are the Gifts of God for the People of God.

Everyone is invited to come forward in lines in the center aisle. At this time, the common cup will not be shared, but the consecrated bread will be and it by itself still constitutes what we understand to be communion. If you wish to come forward for a blessing alone, please indicate it by crossing your arms across your chest. Gluten free hosts are available, just ask!

Communion Music: *O Christ, thou Lamb of God*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Hymn 150: *Forty days and forty nights*

Tune: Aus der tiefe

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ

Thanks be to God

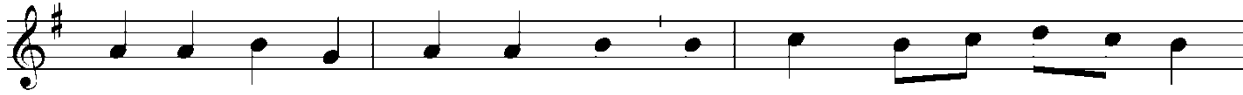
Postlude: *De Profundis* (Aus tiefer not-Hymn 151) Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

Sequence Hymn 143: *The glory of these forty days*

Tune: *Erhalt uns, Herr*



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -
 4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full
 * 5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to



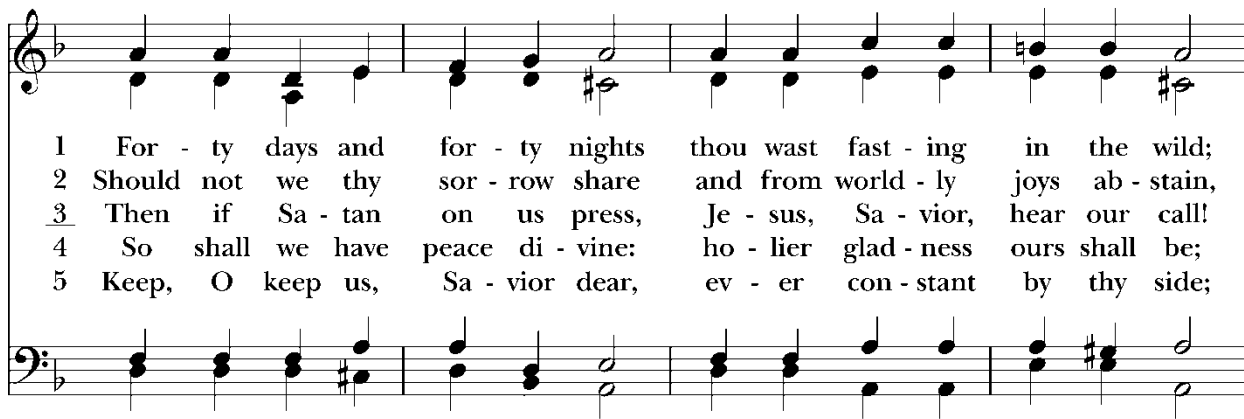
1 ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
 2 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
 3 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
 4 oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spi - rits strength - en
 5 thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold



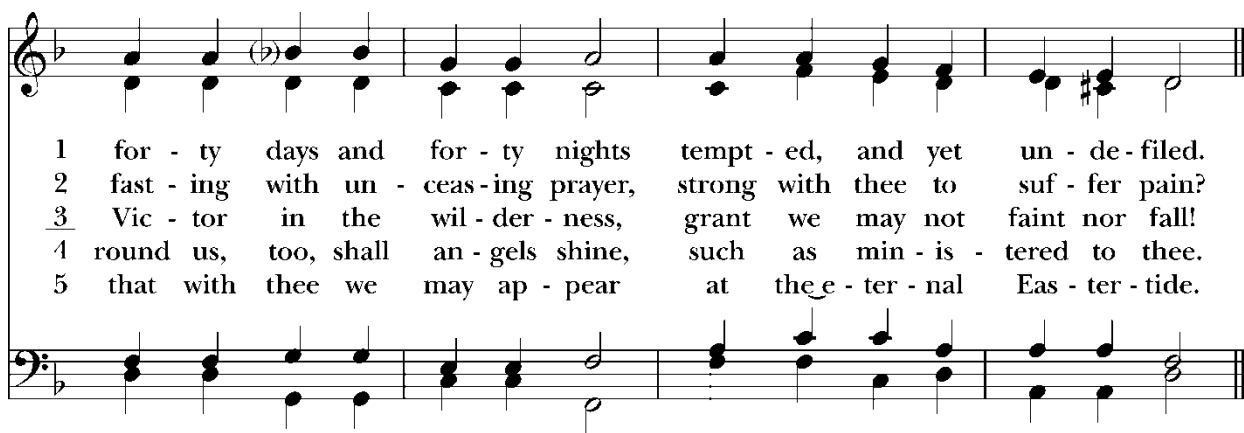
1 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
 2 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
 3 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
 4 with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.
 5 Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

Hymn 150: *Forty days and forty nights*

Tune: Aus der tiefe



1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;
2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!
4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;



1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?
3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!
4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.
5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.