

1st Sunday of Lent—Cycle B—February 21, 2021

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days



1. Lord, who through - out these for - ty days For
2. As you with Sa - tan did con - tend And
3. As you did hun - ger and did thirst, So
4. And through these days of pen - i - tence, And
5. A - bide with us that, when this life Of



us did fast and pray, Teach us to o - ver -
did the vic - t'ry win, O give us strength in
teach us, gra - cious Lord, To die to self, and
through your Pas - sion - tide, For ev - er - more, in
suf - fer - ing is past, An East - er of un -



come our sins, And close by you to stay.
you to fight, In you to con - quer sin.
on - ly live By your most ho - ly word.
life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
end - ing joy We may at - tain at last!

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Tune: ST. FLAVIAN, CM; *John's Day Psalter*, 1562; harm. based on the original *faux-bourdon* setting

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Psalm 25: Be Merciful, O Lord.

Reading 1

Genesis 9: 8-15

God said to Noah and to his sons with him:
“See, I am now establishing my covenant with you
and your descendants after you
and with every living creature that was with you:
all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals
that were with you and came out of the ark.
I will establish my covenant with you,
that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed
by the waters of a flood;
there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth.”

God added:
“This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come,
of the covenant between me and you
and every living creature with you:
I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign
of the covenant between me and the earth.
When I bring clouds over the earth,
and the bow appears in the clouds,
I will recall the covenant I have made
between me and you and all living beings,
so that the waters shall never again become a flood
to destroy all mortal beings.”

Reading 2

1 Peter 3: 18-22

Beloved:
Christ suffered for sins once,
the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous,
that he might lead you to God.
Put to death in the flesh,
he was brought to life in the Spirit.
In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison,
who had once been disobedient
while God patiently waited in the days of Noah
during the building of the ark,
in which a few persons, eight in all,
were saved through water.

This prefigured baptism, which saves you now.
It is not a removal of dirt from the body
but an appeal to God for a clear 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 subject to him.

Gospel

Mark 1: 12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert,
and he remained in the desert for forty days,
tempted by Satan.
He was among wild beasts,
and the angels ministered to him.
After John had been arrested,
Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:
“This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.”



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Our response will be: Unite Us in Your Love

*For all people of the world ...
for those living in real and virtual deserts created by carelessness
and misuse of wealth and valuable resources....*

We pray to the Lord...

R: Unite Us in Your Love

*For those tempted to abuse power or authority...
for those who test the trust of the people they serve...
for God's grace as all people attempt to lessen and prevent violence in our world...*

We pray to the Lord...

R: Unite Us in Your Love

*For the people of St. Michael Parish as we remember God's covenant of love with us
and turn to God when we are tempted to sin...
for the children of St. Michael Parish who celebrated their First Reconciliation over
the last two weeks...
for courage to repent of our wrongdoing and renew our commitment to Christ and
his Church. ..*

We pray to the Lord...

R: Unite Us in Your Love

*For catechumens and candidates preparing to complete their Christian initiation ...
For those who are faithful, but do not see the value of membership
and participation in the Church...*

We pray to the Lord...

R: Unite Us in Your Love

*For those who suffer mentally, physically or emotionally, especially those listed in
our parish bulletin and on our website...
for compassionate companions and loving assistance...
for all who are working to control and contain the Covid-19 virus ...*

We pray to the Lord...

R: Unite Us in Your Love

*For our family members and friends listed on our website and in our bulletin...
for perpetual peace and rest in the comforting arms of the Lord...
and for all who are in the depths of mourning...*

We pray to the Lord...

R: Unite Us in Your Love



All-embracing God,
 you established an everlasting covenant with us.
 When we doubt you, or turn away from your truth,
 deepen our hope in your promise of everlasting love
 and abiding care for all people.
 Make firm our faith, cleanse our hearts,
 and wrap us in your mercy and grace.
 With the help of your Holy Spirit,
 may we remember, return, repent,
 and renew our trust in your love for all creation.
 Through Christ Jesus, your Beloved Son,
 who is our light and salvation.
 Amen.

Return to God / Volvamos Hoy a Nuestro Dios

Refrain / Estribillo

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 Vol - va - mos hoy a nues - tro Dios, Se - ñor de to - da

mer - cy; come seek the ten - der faith - ful - ness of God.
 gra - cia, bus - can - do su per - dón y le - al - tad.

Verses

Estrofas

- Now the time of grace has come,
 the day of salvation;
 come and learn now the way of our God.
- I will take your heart of stone
 and place a heart within you,
 a heart of compassion and love.
- If you break the chains of oppression,
 if you set the pris'ner free;
 if you share your bread with the hungry,
 give protection to the lost;
 give a shelter to the homeless,
 clothe the naked in your midst,
 then your light shall break forth
 like the dawn.

- Día de la salvación,
 y tiempo favorable;
 caminemos por las sendas de Dios.*
- Quitaré tu corazón de piedra;
 te daré un corazón
 de amor y compasión.*
- Si tú rompes vínculos injustos,
 y a los presos das libertad;
 ofreciendo pan al hambriento,
 protección al extraviado;
 dando abrigo a quien está
 sin techo,
 y vestido al desnudo;
 surgirá tu luz como la aurora.*

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***God's Covenant of Love with Us...
 Remember, Return, Repent and Renew***

Lead Me, Guide Me

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, For if you
lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each
day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Verses

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r to
2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous-ness, Be my
3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am

help me o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the
aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press. I am put - ting
blind with - out thy Light to see. Lord, just al - ways

D.C.
dark-ness thy face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
all my trust in thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
let me thy ser - vant be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace) Joel Houston and Jonas Myrin

Verse 1

All these pieces
Broken and scattered
In mercy gathered
Mended and whole
Empty handed
But not forsaken
I've been set free
I've been set free

Pre-Chorus

Amazing grace
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
Oh I once was lost
But now I am found
Was blind but now I see

Chorus

Oh I can see You now
Oh I can see the love in Your eyes
Laying Yourself down
Raising up the broken to life

Verse 2

You take our failure
You take our weakness
You set Your treasure
In jars of clay
So take this heart Lord
I'll be Your vessel
The world to see Your life in me