



Treasure

PRINCE OF PEACE

“Treasure”

The First Sunday in Lent

Prelude Welcome

**Vessels, holy and whole, broken, needing the One. Open, body and soul.
Healer, come. (Sung twice, on the second time, all sing)**

Leader: Beach glass begins as something whole and yet discarded. As it is tumbled by the sea, it is broken and polished until it becomes a treasured “mineral gem.” We do not accept that suffering is necessary or God-given, but we accept that suffering is a part of life. When pain comes and brokenness enters our lives, Jesus reaches out to touch and remind us of the Treasure that we *all* are—worthy of new life in the midst of hopelessness. In these pandemic days and weeks and months and even years, we begin by affirming our journey to physical health.

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Prayer of Confession

Leader: Let us acknowledge our need to restore, repair, renew your Holy Vessels: ourselves and our health: physical, emotional, and spiritual; the health of our communities, and the health of the beautiful planet on which we live. Let us pray:

Merciful God,
**we have lived a year of Lent.
In the midst of it all, we have seen love shine through at times.
But as we look back,
it feels like a year of shattered dreams and shattered peace.
We have gotten discouraged.
Even with so much that was out of our control,
we also see the ways our own faults
and failures to love each other fully, to care for the least,
to honor your creation, to stand for what is right and good,
have all contributed to the shattering.**

**And so we come to you in pieces,
fragments, broken pieces of our past selves.
As we walk along the shores of Uncertainty and Pain,
we ask that you meet us here.**

Help us, Healer.

Show us our strength. Forgive our inertia.

Move us to move one step at a time toward greater care for others and for the world you so love.

In this silence, we sense and acknowledge our yearning for wholeness.

Silence

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Open, body and soul. Healer, come.

Word of Assurance and Forgiveness:

Throughout the season of Lent, we are contemplating the symbol of broken glass—sea (or beach) glass to be specific. Time and adversity make something beautiful out of what was once seen as ordinary and broken.

It becomes a transformed and precious piece.

Jesus attended to those considered ordinary, broken, even those deemed unworthy.

Jesus attends to us.

Know this: God's love and grace surround you.

No. Matter. What.

You are a precious and holy vessel right now.

Christ's light is a treasure given freely.

For you, for me, for all.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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Glory to God. Amen.

Prayer of the day

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

Amen.

Children's Moment

The Word

First Reading: Genesis 9.8-17 *(New Revised Standard Edition)*

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰ 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.^[a] ¹¹ 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.” ¹² 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: ¹³ I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ 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.” ¹⁷ 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.”

Psalm 25.1-10

¹ To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

² O my God, in you I trust;

do not let me be put to shame;

do not let my enemies exult over me.

³ Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴ Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

teach me your paths.

⁵ Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation;

for you I wait all day long.

⁶ Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,

for they have been from of old.

⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

according to your steadfast love remember me,

for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

⁸ Good and upright is the LORD;

therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

⁹ He leads the humble in what is right,

and teaches the humble his way.

¹⁰ All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,

for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

Gospel Matthew 8.1-4, 16-17 *(New Revised Standard Edition)*

When Jesus had come down from the mountain, great crowds followed him; and there was a leper who came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean." He stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Immediately his leprosy was cleansed. Then Jesus said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."

That evening they brought to him many who were possessed with demons; and he cast out the spirits with a word and cured all who were sick. This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah, "He took our infirmities and bore our diseases."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Message

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1.You who know
our fears and sadness
grace us with
your peace and gladness
Spirit of all comfort
Fill our hearts. **Ref.**

2.In the pain
And joy beholding
How your grace
Is still unfolding
Give us all your vision
God of love. **Ref.**

3.Give us strength
to love each other
every sister
every brother
Spirit of all kindness
be our guide. **Ref.**

4.You who know
each thought and feeling
teach us all
your way of healing
Spirit of compassion
Fill each heart. **Ref.**

Refrain: Healer of our every ill, light of tomorrow,
Give us peace beyond our fear and hope beyond our sorrow.

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

**On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

**the holy catholic Church the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

The Peace

Announcements

This Lent

A season of recovery and restoration

Throughout the season of Lent, we will be contemplating the symbol of broken glass—sea (or beach) glass to be specific. Sea glass comes from vessels that have broken, been discarded, and yet time and adversity have transformed into something beautiful.

Time and adversity... making something beautiful out of that which, once seen as ordinary and broken. Broken pieces transformed and precious. This is the journey we are on..

Jesus attended to those considered ordinary, broken, even those deemed unworthy.

Jesus attends to us. We are giving out Lenten bags please let us know if you would like to receive one. Thank you!

Fun Night

It's cold and wet and there's nowhere to go... Must be time for some group fun! We are working on a Zoom fun hour, it might be trivia, it might be a scavenger hunt--but it WILL be a time to see old friends and laugh a little, and in these times that's everything! Ideas? Interested?

Prayers of the Church

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world and all in need.

A brief silence.

In Jesus your realm has come near to us in every place and time. Give your church throughout the world a spirit of humility and repentance; teach us to trust always in the good news of your salvation.

Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

All your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness. Direct the words and actions of leaders in our community and throughout the world, that they may maintain justice for the lowly.

Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In baptism you join us to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We praise you for all those who have died trusting in your faithfulness. Bring us with them to the fullness of your reign.

Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Even in the wilderness you are with us. Walk alongside migrants and refugees crossing dangerous lands. Tend to those whose lives feel desolate. Give healing and strength to all who suffer (*especially*).

Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Now go with confidence that, though shattered, we are held.

Remember you are what God made you to be:

created in Christ Jesus for good works,

chosen as holy and beloved,

freed to serve your neighbor.

May God bless you to be a blessing.

In the name of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Closing Hymn: "Thy Holy Wings"

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1. Thy holy wings O Savior
Spread gently over me
And let me rest securely
Through good and ill in thee.
Oh be my strength and portion
My rock and hiding place
And let my every moment
Be lived within thy grace.

3. Oh wash me in the waters
of Noah's cleansing flood.
Give me a willing spirit
A heart both clean and good.
Oh take into thy keeping
thy children great and small
and while we sweetly slumber
Enfold us one and all.

2. Oh let me nestle near thee
Within thy downy breast
Where I will find sweet comfort
And peace within thy nest.
Oh close thy wings around me
And keep me safely there
For I am but a newborn
And need thy tender care.

The Dismissal: Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Thanks for joining us!

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