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Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
The First Sunday in Lent  
March 9, 2025

*Please silence your electronic devices. Music and lyrics of hymns may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Full text of prayers may be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).*

The Opening Voluntary      “The Glory of These Forty Days”      Johann Gottfried Walther

Introit      “For you love all things that are”      Wisdom 11, Psalm 57

Processional Hymn (*standing*)      “The glory of these forty days”      Hymn 143

*Celebrant*      Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;      BCP 319  
*People*      His mercy endureth for ever.

*Celebrant*      Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

*Celebrant*      Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Celebrant and People, kneeling or standing*

Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,  
we have offended against thy holy laws,  
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.  
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
spare thou those who confess their faults,  
restore thou those who are penitent,  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind  
in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

*Celebrant*      The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.  
*Amen.*

**Kyrie eleison** *Sung, standing*

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And with thy spirit.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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 people sit*

*Reader* 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.

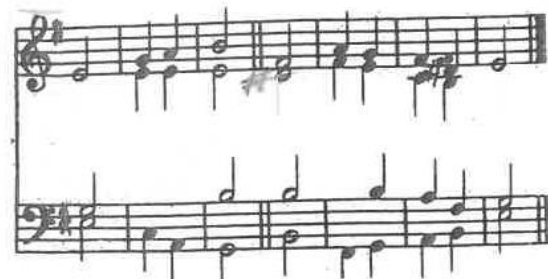
*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16** Qui habitat

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of /the Most /High, \*  
abides under the shadow /of the Almight/ty.
- 2 He shall say to the Lord,  
"You are my refuge /and my /stronghold, \*  
my God in /whom I put my /trust."

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Ray Francis Brown  
(1897-1965)



- 9 Because you have made the /Lord your /refuge, \*  
and the /Most High your habi/tation,
- 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 de/liver him; \*  
I will protect him, be/cause 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 sal/vation.

*Reader* A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Church in Rome (10:8b-13).

"The 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."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*Sequence Hymn (standing)* "If thou but trust in God to guide thee" Hymn 635

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke (4:1-13).

*People* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

*Seated*

The Rev. John Adams

The Nicene Creed

*Standing*

BCP 327

I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all  
worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the  
Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost  
of the Virgin Mary, and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under  
Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;

and the third day he rose again  
according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the  
Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Ghost the  
Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and  
the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son  
together is worshiped and glorified;  
who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one holy Catholic and  
Apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the  
remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the  
dead, and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.

The Prayers of the People

*Standing or kneeling*

BCP 328

*Reader* Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to Bishop Mark and all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of Donald, our President, and all those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor *Sue, Julia, Betty, Betsy, Mary Ruth, Jennifer, Lucia, Carleigh, Rebecca, Harry, Tina, James, Ralphie, Bill, Page, Carolyn, Sanddii, Millard, and Wayne*; and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

### The Peace *Standing*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* And with thy spirit.

*The Peace may be exchanged through handshakes, hugs, fist bumps, waves, nods, or other such expressions; please be attentive to how much or little physical contact your neighbors would prefer. Once the Peace has been sufficiently exchanged, the people may sit for announcements. During the announcements, the Celebrant will invite those who are celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary this week (or whose recent birthday or anniversary has not yet been prayed for in church) to come forward so we may pray for them.*

Offertory Anthem "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" arr. Richard Shephard

The Doxology (*standing*) (text below) Hymnal 380, v. 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Holy Communion, Eucharistic Prayer I *Standing* BCP 333

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And with thy spirit.  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* We lift them up unto the Lord.  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
*People* It is meet and right so to do.

*Celebrant* BCP 333 - 334

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty... evermore praising thee and saying,

Sanctus *Sung*  
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

All glory be to thee... O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant and people*

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.

*Agnus Dei Sung*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

*Celebrant and People*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen**

*Celebrant*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive at the altar rail, kneeling or standing. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward and place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. After receiving the bread, you may choose to consume the bread and take a sip of wine from the chalice or hold onto the bread and intinct (dip) it into the wine, in which case please hold the wafer in front of you so the chalice will know to bring you the intinction cup. You may also decline to receive the wine (as the bread in itself is full communion), in which case if you remain at the altar rail please place your arms across your chest to signal the chalice. Those who cannot or prefer not to come forward may inform an usher, and the Celebrant will come to you.*

**Communion Chant**

*"My refuge and my fortress"*

**Psalm 33**

**Communion Music**

*"Bless the Lord My Soul"*

**Taize**

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

*Once all have received, the celebrant says*

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

*The Celebrant offers a Solemn Prayer over the people.*

Recessional Hymn      *“At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow”*      Hymn 435

*Celebrant*    Let us bless the Lord.  
*People*        Thanks be to God.

The Closing Voluntary                      *“Toccatà in D Minor”*                      Johann Pachelbel

**No flowers during Lent**

Pray for Grace and Peace in the Diocese of Haiti. Our companion diocese, the Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines.

**Lenten Study: Explorations in Christian Ethics**

On the Mondays of Lent (**March 10 - April 7**), we will gather in the Undercroft for a light supper and program. Fr. John will lead us in discussions of Christian ethics, as we consider how we think about and apply Jesus’ teachings to the moral problems we encounter in our daily lives. This takes the place of the usual Monday Bible Study, which will resume after Easter. Supper begins at 6:00 pm, with the discussion concluding by 7:30.

**Women’s Club Meeting**

The Women’s Club meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 11, at 5:30 in the Parish House**. There is a sign-up sheet on the church website to attend and bring something to share. Collecting items for Grace Network. March’s ask is 15-oz. cans of Pork and Beans, dish detergent, deodorant, laundry detergent, and hygiene items. If you are able to provide one or more items, that would be greatly appreciated (but certainly not required). Hope you can make it!

**History of the Early Church**

Our next study in the History of the Early Church will take place on **March 12** at 10:30 in the Undercroft, discussing Ambrose of Milan, Augustine of Hippo, and the evolving relationship between the Church and Empire in the late 4<sup>th</sup> and early 5<sup>th</sup> Centuries.

**Public Theology**

Public Theology meets on **Wednesday, March 12 at Renewal Brewing in Uptown Martinsville** (32 Franklin St). This month, making up for our cancellation in February, Pastor Ryan invites us to come together for a conversation on the role of faith and speaking out in political affairs. We begin with socializing and pizza around 6:00, with the discussion going from 7:00 to 8:00.

## **Ecumenical Lenten Lunches**

The churches of Martinsville are again coming together to offer lunch and a brief devotion at Noon on the Thursdays of Lent. All are invited to attend any or all of these lunches; the devotions will conclude by 1:00 pm. The schedule is:

**March 13** - Chatham Heights Baptist (1235 Chatham Heights Rd.)

**March 20** - First Baptist (23 Starling Ave.)

**March 27** - Calvary Christian (515 Mulberry Rd.)

**April 3** - First Presbyterian (1901 Patrick Henry Ave.)

**April 10** - First Baptist East (1043 E. Church St.)

## **Grace Network**

Our Grace Network Assignments for **March: Pork & Beans 15 oz. For March: dish detergent, deodorant, laundry detergent, and hygiene items.** As a Church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network with stocking their food pantry for those in need. Please remember to pick up our assigned item the next time you visit the grocery store. **You can bring your items to the Church office OR put them in the little red wagon in the Narthex.**

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Theodore David Kern was born on January 30, 2025, to Will and Adrienne Joyce Kern. He is the grandson of Amy Joyce and the late David Joyce.

### **THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!**

**Celebrant:** The Rev. John Adams

**Reader:** Kelly Cain

**Chalicer:** Steve Keyser, Dawn Stone

**Organist/Choirmaster:** Lynn Gardner

**Chorister/Cantor:** Raul West

**Christ Church Choir:** St. Christopher's Choir

**Ushers:** Gus Barber, Dan Cahill

**Acolyte:** Pete Scouras

**Camera Operator:** Andy Williams

**Counters:** Butch Hamlet, Pat Russell

**Altar Guild:** Team #5 - Lloyd Barber, Debbie Lewis, Jill Dickens, Amy Joyce, Pat Russell, Vicki Crosby

**Nursery Attendant:**

### **2025 Christ Church Vestry**

**Year 3:** Betty Budde, Natalie Coleman; Secretary, Pat Russell. Will Zimmer

**Year 2:** Bob Bushnell, Rives Coleman; Senior Warden, LaRue Powers, Bob Weatherall, Junior Warden

**Year 1:** Susan Critz, Butch Hamlet; Treasurer, Michael Hodges, Steve Keyser