

*The First Sunday in Lent*

*February 21, 2010*

*St. Paul's Episcopal Church, The Dalles, Oregon*

*Celebrant: The Reverend Janet Fullmer*

**The Great Litany**

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O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, **Have mercy upon us.**

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, **Have mercy upon us.**

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful, **Have mercy upon us.**

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, **Have mercy upon us.**

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us for ever. **Spare us, good Lord.**

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation, **Good Lord, deliver us.**

*(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)*

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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 way, **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)*

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Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us. **Son of God, we beseech thee to hear 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, **Have mercy upon us.**

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

O Christ, hear us. **O Christ, hear us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Please be seated.*

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.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm**

*On Eagles Wings (Joncas) (Based on Psalm 91)*

WLP 810

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in this shadow for life, say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

*Refrain "And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of my hand."*

Snares of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear; under God's wings your refuge with faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*

For to the angels God's given a command to guard you in all of your ways; upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. *Refrain*

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**The Second Reading**

Romans 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."

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People

**Glory 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.

People

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

The Reverend Janet Fullmer

Silence

## The Nicene Creed

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**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.**

Celebrant

Hear the word of God to all who truly turn to him.

If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;

and he is the perfect offering for our sins,

and not for ours only but for the sins of the whole world.

*1 John 2:1-2*

**The Peace** *Please stand*

People

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*Announcements, Thanksgivings, Being Blessings and Celebrations of Life~  
Thank offerings this quarter will be used for energy assistance through the Neighbor to Neighbor program.*

**The Holy Communion**      *Eucharistic Prayer C*

**The Offertory**                      *Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

Choir

**The Doxology**

Hymnal 380

**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.**

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*              **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*      Lift up your hearts.

*People*              **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*              **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*      God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*People*              **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant*      At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home. By your will they were created and have their being. From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob, Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,**

**your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as is in heaven.**

**Give us this today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread** *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant:* Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **Have mercy on us.**  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **Have mercy on us.**  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **Grant us peace.**

*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 are welcome to receive communion, either in the bread and wine, or a blessing. The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words: The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.] The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]*

**The Communion Hymn**

*O Love of God*

Hymnal 456

O Love of God, how strong and true, eternal and yet ever new;  
uncomprehended and unbought, beyond all knowledge and all thought.

O wide-embracing, wondrous Love, we read thee in the sky above;  
we read thee in the earth below, in seas that swell and streams that flow.

We read thee best in him who came to bear for us the cross of shame,  
sent by the Father from on high, our life to live, our death to die.

We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the darkness of the grave;  
still more in resurrection light we read the fullness of thy might.

*Words: Horatius Bonar Music: de Tar, Calvin Hampton Concordia Pub. CCLI 2949699*

**The Postcommunion Prayer** *Please stand.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,  
Teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.

As thou with Satan dist contend and didst the victory win,  
O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to conquer sin.

As thou didst hunger bear and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord,  
To die to self, and chiefly live by thy most holy word.

And through these days of penitence, and through thy Passiontide,  
Yea, evermore, in life and death, Jesus! With us abide.

Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering overpast,  
An Easter of unending joy we may attain at last!

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[Dismissal] People **Thanks be to God.**

*Servers This Morning: Celebrant: The Rev. Janet Fullmer; Acolyte: Anna Miller;*

*Worship Leaders: Marilyn Roth, Dewanda Clark; Eucharist Minister: Ron Fullmer; Lector: Rosemary Ross;*

*Altar Guild: Monte Dickinson, MaryEllen Lowe; Altar Bread: Kim McCullough; Greeters: Don and Monte Dickinson.*

*Today's flowers are given by Pam and Chuck Miller  
in memory of Ruth Miller's Birthday.*

#### PLEASE PRAY:

For friends and family: Joan, Angela Del Greco, Fr. Noe Bernier and the people of Haiti, Mark Nelson, Skip Fisher, David Youtz, Robert Pierre, Anthony Joseph, Angela Delores, Lida Beasley, Dawn Jorgensen, Piper, Leslie, Cathy Dahl, Megan McCarren, Bryon Nixon, Bill Thomas, Blake Gallagher, Bonnie Myatt.

For those serving in the Armed Forces of our Country and for all those who serve and protect us, especially Albert South, Mathew Ketchum, Jordan, Joshua Smith, Kyle McCullough, Turf McCullough, Amy and Gavin McIlvenna, Jason Armstrong, Kevin Extine, Tim Gallagher, Kevin Gross, Gayle Johnson, Travis Kennedy, Robert Knick, Ben Schloss, Michael Stebbins and Max Turner.

#### CALENDAR:

Monday	AA "open" meeting	7:00 pm Tayler Hall
Tuesday	Bible Study	1:00 pm Library
Wednesday	Master Gardeners	8:00 am – 4:30 pm TH
	AA meeting	7:00 pm TH
Thursday	Healing Service	Noon
	Soup & Lenten Book Study	6:00 pm TH
Saturday	AA Potluck	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm TH

#### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

***Genesis 15:1-12,17-18; Psalm 27;  
Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35***

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**BOOK STUDY & SOUP DINNERS FOR LENT:** This Thursday is the first of Lenten soup and book review evenings. The books we will read will be *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace . . . One School at a Time*- adult or youth version; and *Stones into Schools: Promoting Peace with Books, Not Bombs, in Afghanistan and Pakistan*, both by Greg Mortensen. See the sheet in the hallway to sign up for soup! We'll meet at 6:00 for soup and bread, and plan to begin our book talks at 6:30 pm. The themes of both books overlap, and invite comparison and discussion about the similarities and differences, and about how we experience education, life, and our call to promote peace and love our neighbor. Each evening we will read together excerpts from the books, and discuss what they say to us, and what they mean to us individually and as Christians here at St. Paul's in The Dalles Oregon. Books are available from the Library, Klindts or the office.

**FIRST WEDNESDAY POTLUCK** March 3, for the first Wednesday potluck, the Haiti Team's men will share photos and stories from the mission trip to Cap Haitien in January. There are great photos, and there will be plenty of time for questions, so please plan to come if you are able. If you need a ride, please call the office and let us know and we'll try to get you here. Also, the following month, April 7, the New Orleans Mission Team will share stories and photos from their trip. Please plan to come and share in these stories of service and God's presence on mission; they'll boost your spirits as well as transport you to the mission field!

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** has approved Janeal Boreen for a house! St. Paul's has been asked to supply volunteer workers and a coordinator for Janeal's house, and we are looking for 5 to 6 volunteers to work half-day shifts, 3 days per week for up to nine months. Please consider if you can volunteer for at least some of that time. Habitat also needs one person to coordinate these volunteers and to keep track of their time. This is a wonderful time opportunity for St. Paul's, and for Janeal and her sons. Please be a part of it! Sign up to work or to coordinate the volunteers. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hall by the office.

**BIBLE STUDY ON TUESDAYS** is changing location beginning in March. We will continue to meet at 1:00 pm, but now we will meet at Mill Creek Point at 1000 Vey Way. If the west side of town is convenient for you, please come and join in scripture study that is interesting, provocative, fun, frequently inspiring, and always a help to hearing the lessons on Sunday. You may find yourself thinking after a sermon...*And that's not the half of it!* So, you are warmly invited to come and share the fellowship, as well as to put in your 2 cents!

**REMINDER: PRAYER BASKETS, AND VESTRY AND PARISH NEWS, NOTECARDS FOR ERD**

\*Prayer baskets are located just as you enter the nave, and at the votive candles.

\*Packets of note cards made by P.K. Swartz are in the narthex:

the proceeds support ERD- Episcopal Relief and Development- ministries throughout the world.

\*Vestry news, pictures, notices of parish events, financial reports, and items of interest to or about our parish family are on the kiosk in the narthex and on the web site. Please check them out!

**LENTEN PRACTICES** Although not as prevalent now as in some times, the practices of confession and reconciliation, fasting, and intentional taking on or giving up ways of being as spiritual preparation for Lent and Easter remain extremely valuable spiritual practices. I invite and encourage anyone who is interested in private confession, the personal service of the Rite of Reconciliation, or the intimate and personal time provided in the Healing Service, to take advantage of those spiritually powerful gifts of the church during Lent. These practices retain their power to touch and transform your relationship with and in God, and help us to prepare for the new life we celebrate at Easter.

Lent is a particularly appropriate time to look inward, to cleanse your own self and heart, and to turn your whole self, as you are, into the hands of God. Copied below are a Collect and a Litany of Penitence that you might find useful and nourishing; remember always God's great mercy, and that God's great, unfathomable love always surrounds and sustains us.

I invite you to pray these as prayers in Lent, as an aid to "rend your hearts and not your garments." Joel 2:13

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you hate nothing you have made  
and forgive the sins of all who are penitent:  
Create and make in us new and contrite hearts,  
that we, worthily lamenting our sins  
and acknowledging our wretchedness,  
may obtain of you, the God of all mercy,  
perfect remission and forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Adapted from Litany of Penitence BCP p267*

Most holy and merciful Father:

I confess to you and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth,  
that I have sinned by my own fault in thought, word, and deed;  
by what I have done, and by what I have left undone.

I have not loved you with my whole heart, and mind, and strength.  
I have not loved my neighbors as myself.

I have not forgiven others, as I have been forgiven.

I have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us.  
I have not been true to the mind of Christ.

I have grieved your Holy Spirit.

I confess to you, Lord:

All my past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of my life;

My self-indulgent appetites and ways, the exploitation of other people by myself and on my behalf;

My anger at my own frustration, and my envy of those more fortunate than myself;

My intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and my dishonesty in daily life and work;

My negligence in prayer and worship, and my failure to commend the faith that is in me;

Accept my repentance, Lord, for all the wrongs I have done:

for my blindness to human need and suffering, and my indifference to injustice and cruelty.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward my neighbors, and for my prejudice and contempt  
toward those who differ from me.

For my waste and pollution of your creation, and my lack of concern for those who come after me,

Restore me, good Lord, and let your anger depart from me;  
*Favorably hear me, for your mercy is great.*

Accomplish in me the work of your salvation,  
*That I may show forth your glory in the world.*

By the cross and passion of your Son my Lord,  
*Bring me with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection. Amen.*