

**First Sunday in Lent
February 18, 2024—10am**



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Our Mission Statement:

We are a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

Page numbers (p.) are in front half of the hymnal.
Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal.
Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**.
+ Please stand as you are able.

+ Gathering +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude	"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" <i>arr. by Marianne Kim</i>
+ Confession and Forgiveness	ACS p.29 (see insert)
+ Gathering Song	ELW #325
+ Greeting	ACS p.30
+ Kyrie	ACS p.31 (see insert)
+ Prayer of the Day	ELW p.27

+Word+

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading	Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10	ELW #25
Second Reading	1 Peter 3:18-22
+ Gospel Acclamation	ACS p.34 (see insert)
+ Gospel Reading	Mark 1:9-15
Young at Heart Message & Sermon	The Rev. Jim Cobb

+ Song of the Day

ACS #923 "As Your Spirit in the Desert"

As your Spirit in the desert led the Christ to dust and stone,
so instill our hearts with courage now to cross where Christ has gone.
Let us cross into the wilderness so to walk where Christ has gone.

As your fire and cloudy pillar Israel's tribes to Canaan led,
may your presence be our comfort, may your manna be our bread.
Let us cross into the wilderness with God's manna as our bread.

Though wild beasts may lurk in shadow, and dire thirst may sear and sting,
you have promised living waters waiting for us at the spring.
Let us cross out of the wilderness to the waters of the spring.

Through the narrow gate now draw us, past all empire's pull and strife,
where beyond our fear and clinging stands the threshold of new life.
Let us cross out of the wilderness to the threshold of new life.

God of desert, God of promise, you have bid us journey on
through the days of dust and darkness to the rising of the dawn.
Let us cross out of the wilderness to the rising of the dawn.

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+ Nicene Creed

ELW p.104

+ Prayers of Intercession

sung refrain ELW #616

+ Peace

+Meal+
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Thank you for supporting the mission of the church as you are able!

Electronic donations can be made at

<https://give.tithe.ly/?formId=622d08be-6865-11ee-90fc-1260ab546d11>.



+ Offering Prayer

+ Great Thanksgiving

ACS p.36/ELW p.172

+ Proper Preface

+ Sanctus

ACS p.36 (see insert)

+ Thanksgiving at the Table (IV)

ELW p.111

+ Lord's Prayer

ACS p.39/ELW p.173

+ Invitation to Communion

Agnus Dei

ACS p.40 (see insert)

Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace

When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.

Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors.

If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.

Distribution Song

"Bread for the Journey"

Give us bread for the journey, give us bread. Give us bread for the journey, give us bread. When our legs are getting heavy, and we're hanging down our heads, give us bread for the journey, give us bread.

Guide our way as we travel, guide our way. Guide our way as we travel, guide our way. With so many roads before us, where to go is hard to say. Guide our way as we travel, guide our way.

Make us one with each other, make us one. Make us one with each other, make us one. All the walls we've built around us: may we learn to tear them down. Make us one with each other, make us one.

Lead us home to the garden, lead us home. Lead us home to the garden, lead us home; where we'll live with all creation, find our place and never roam. Lead us home to the garden, lead us home.

Give us bread for the journey, give us bread. Give us bread for the journey, give us bread. When our legs are getting heavy, and we're hanging down our heads, give us bread for the journey, give us bread.

+ Table Blessing

+ Prayer after Communion

+ Sending +

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

+ Blessing

Announcements

+ Sending Song

“Cry of My Heart”

Refrain: It is the cry of my heart to follow You.
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.
It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.

Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord, so I can walk in Your truth.
Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord, and make me wholly devoted to You.

Open my eyes so I can see the wonderful things that You do.
Open my heart up more and more, and make me wholly devoted to You.

All of the days of my life, all of the days of my life!

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+ Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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