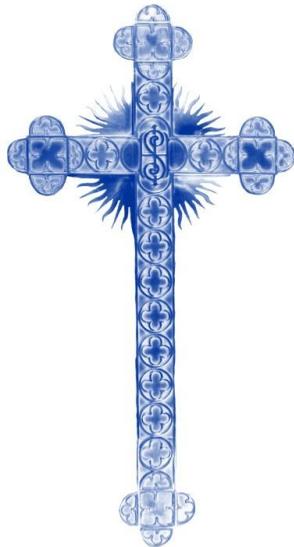


# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

February 22, 2026 ✕ 10:30 am





# The Word of God

Voluntary

S-67\*

The Great Litany

BCP, p. 148

The Collect of the Day

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.**

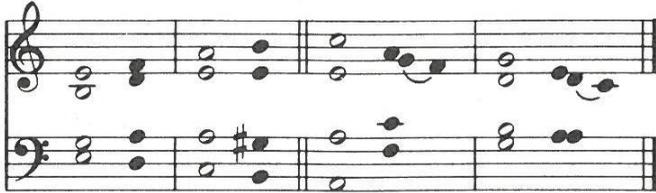
**The First Lesson**

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

## S 408

James Frazier  
(b. 1947)

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- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, \*  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." \*  
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; \*  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;  
you preserve me from trouble; \*  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; \*  
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \*  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will not stay near you."

- 11 Great are the tribulations of the **wicked**; \*  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the **Lord**.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the **Lord**; \*  
shout for joy, all who are true of **heart**.

## The Second Lesson

Romans 5:12-19

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

**Hymn # 142 (vv.1-4)** Lord, who throughout these forty days

*St. Flavian*

## The Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'  
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.”

Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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| <b>Hymn # 142 (v.5)</b>           | Lord, who throughout these forty days | <i>St. Flavian</i> |
| The Sermon                        | The Rev. Canon Dr. J. Lee Hill, Jr.   |                    |
| The Nicene Creed                  |                                       | p. 358             |
| The Prayers of the People, Form I |                                       | p. 383             |
| The Peace                         |                                       | p. 360             |

## The Holy Communion

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| The Offertory                                 |                                     |                |
| Choir Anthem                                  | If ye love me                       | Philip Wilby   |
| The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A) |                                     | p. 361         |
| S-129*  | <i>Sanctus</i>                      | Robert Powell  |
| The Lord's Prayer                             |                                     | p. 364         |
| S-164*  | Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God | Richard Proulx |
| The Invitation                                |                                     | p. 364         |
| The Communion of the People                   |                                     |                |

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Baptized Christians are invited to receive bread and wine; all others are encouraged to come forward for a blessing.*

*Kneel or stand as able.*

*Following the direction of the ushers, please come to the rail with pulpit side (right) filling rail from right to center, and lectern side (left) filling rail from center to left. As the clergy distributes the bread, hold both hands out and up.*

*If you need communion brought to you, please alert an usher.*

*To receive the wine:*

- *To sip from the chalice: Gently take the base of the chalice and guide the chalice to your mouth. Do not grab the main part of the chalice.*

- *To intinct: Hold your wafer up to indicate intinction to the chalice. The chalice will take the wafer from you, dip the edge into the wine and return it to your hand.*

*Those who wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.*

During Communion

**Hymn # 325**

Let us break bread together on our knees

*Let Us Break Bread*

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

**Hymn # 563**

Go forward, Christian soldier

*Lancashire*

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

\* “S” Hymns are found in the front section of the hymnal.

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## SERVING TODAY

***Celebrant*** - The Rev. Webster Gibson

***Preacher*** – The Rev. Canon Dr. J. Lee Hill, Jr.

***Lay Readers*** – Christy Wade, George White

***Prayers of the People*** – Terry Young

***Lay Eucharistic Ministers*** – Sally Megeath, Stacy Talbott

***Ushers*** – Joe Wingenbach, Dan Gloster, Jazmine Pellet, Ron Bellows, Doug Thomas

***Acolytes*** – Elizabeth Loring, Lelia Wingenbach

***Altar Guild*** – Liz Couture, Pam DeBergh

***Livestreaming Team*** – Phil Sargent, Jody Wall, Jimmy Downs

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