

Second Sunday before Lent

INTRODUCTION

INTROIT HYMN— **227** *Hymns Old & New*

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

All respond: Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The PRAYERS OF PENITENCE are introduced.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you,
through our own fault,
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
We are heartily sorry,
and repent of all our sins.**

**For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon ✠ and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

KYRIE ELEÏSON is sung.

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is sung.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you

are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory ✠ of God the Father. Amen.

All remain standing for the COLLECT.

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Readings for Year B

FIRST READING

Pro 8.1,22–31

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?

“The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth – when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

℟. Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew
the face of the earth. (*All repeat*)

Praise the Lord O my soul;
O Lord God, your glory is great.
How manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all. ℟.

All creatures look to you
to give them their food to eat.
When you open your hand, they are filled
with good;
when you hide your face, they pine away. ℟.

When you take away their breath they die,
and return to the earth whence they came.
When you send forth your spirit, all things
spring to life,
and the face of the earth is renewed. ℟.

The glory of the Lord shall never cease;
the Lord shall rejoice in all his works.
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will praise my God while my breath remains.
℟.

SECOND READING

Col 1.15–20

A reading from the letter of Paul to the
Colossians.

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the
firstborn of all creation; for in him all things
in heaven and on earth were created, things
visible and invisible, whether thrones or
dominions or rulers or powers – all things
have been created through him and for him.
He himself is before all things, and in him all
things hold together. He is the head of the
body, the church; he is the beginning, the
firstborn from the dead, so that he might
come to have first place in everything. For
in him all the fullness of God was pleased to
dwell, and through him God was pleased to
reconcile to himself all things, whether on
earth or in heaven, by making peace through
the blood of his cross.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Heb 1.2

Alleluia.

God has spoken to us through his Son:
through whom he created the worlds.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

Jn 1.1–14

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word
was with God, and the Word was God. He was
in the beginning with God. All things were
made through him, and without him was not
any thing made that was made. In him was
life, and the life was the light of men. The light
shines in the darkness, and the darkness has
not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose
name was John. He came as a witness, to bear
witness about the light, that all might believe
through him. He was not the light, but came to
bear witness about the light.

The true light, which enlightens everyone,
was coming into the world. He was in the
world, and the world was made through him,
yet the world did not know him. He came to
his own, and his own people did not receive
him. But to all who did receive him, who
believed in his name, he gave the right to
become children of God, who were born, not
of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the
will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt
among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as
of the only Son from the Father, full of grace
and truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

A SERMON *may follow.*

All stand to recite the NICENE CREED.

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,

(all bow) **was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

(all rise) **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, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who 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.

The INTERCESSIONS are introduced, and all kneel. One of these responses may be used:

℣. Lord, hear us. *℟.* Lord, graciously hear us.
or *℣.* Lord, in your mercy, *℟.* Hear our prayer.

At the Commemoration of the Departed:

℣. Rest eternal ☩ grant unto them, O Lord;
℟. And let light perpetual shine upon them.

The Intercessions end:

Merciful Father,

Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

All stand as the priest introduces the PEACE.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN— **212**

The people unite their prayers with the priest, who says the PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS.

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

O God, you bestow the offerings we make to your name, and provide us with the gifts for our loving service: mercifully grant that the grace you impart may lead us to our reward. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The PREFACE follows.

All respond with the SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS.

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.

All kneel. After the Consecration, all acclaim:

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues, and ends:

... for ever and ever. **Amen.**

RITE OF COMMUNION

The priest introduces the LORD'S PRAYER.

**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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The priest breaks the Host; AGNUS DEI is sung.

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.**

The priest gives the COMMUNION INVITATION.

**Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the
sin of the world. Blessed are those who are
called to his supper.**

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but
only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Holy Communion is distributed.

COMMUNION HYMN—**113**

The priest says the POST-COMMUNION prayer.

**God our creator, by your gift the tree of life
was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your
Church: may we who have been nourished
at your table on earth be transformed by the
glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the
delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

CONCLUSION

The priest gives the BLESSING and DISMISSAL.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

... The blessing of God almighty, the Father,
the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, be among
you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN—**424**

The service may be followed by the ANGELUS.

℣. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary:

℟. **And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners, now,
and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

℣. Behold the handmaid of the Lord:

℟. **Be it unto me according to thy word.**

Hail Mary ...

℣. And the Word was made flesh:

℟. **And dwelt among us.**

Hail Mary ...

℣. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God:

℟. **That we may be made worthy of the
promises of Christ.**

Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech you, O
Lord, your grace into our hearts; that we to
whom the Incarnation of Christ, your Son,
was made known by the message of an angel,
may by his Passion and Cross ✠ be brought
to the glory of his Resurrection; through the
same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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