

**Holy Eucharist**  
**The First Sunday in Lent**  
**February 22, 2026—10:00 a.m.**



**Saint Luke's Episcopal Church**  
Los Gatos, California

## The Great Litany

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O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, Have mer - cy up - on us.



O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mer - cy up - on us.



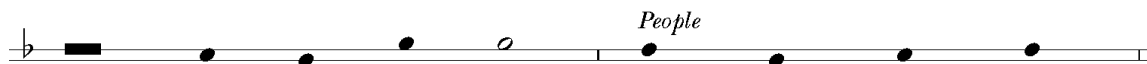
O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faith - ful, Have mer - cy up - on us.



O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, Have mer - cy up - on us.



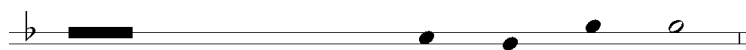
Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy



preserve us for ev - er. Spare us, good Lord.



From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the



devil; and from everlast - ing dam - na - tion,



Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

(This same response is sung after the deprecations that follow)

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy;  
from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all inordinate and sinful affections;  
and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism;  
from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From lightning and tempest;  
from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

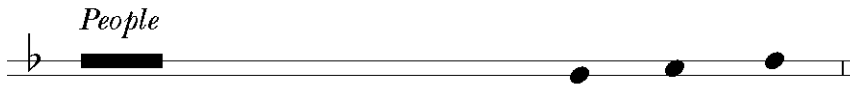
From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion;  
from violence, battle, and murder;  
and from dying suddenly and unprepared,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation;  
by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law;  
by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion;  
by thy precious Death and Burial;  
by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension;  
and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity;  
in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

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)*

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests,  
and deacons, especially Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Lucinda, our Bishop,  
and Nayan, Clark, Ernest, Bill, and Ricardo, our priests, with true knowledge  
and understanding of thy Word;  
and that both by their preaching and living,  
they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest,  
and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace  
to hear and receive thy Word,  
and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth  
all such as have erred, and are deceived,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee,  
and diligently to live after thy commandments,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, Donald,  
the President of the United States, the members of Congress and the  
Supreme Court, and all others in authority, that they may do justice,  
and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world;  
to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord;  
and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all  
prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry,  
and all who are desolate and oppressed,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use  
the bountiful fruits of the earth,  
so that in due time all may enjoy them,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings,  
to do the work which thou givest us to do  
with singleness of heart as thy servants,  
and for the common good,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger  
by reason of their labor or their travel,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for,  
all women in childbirth, young children and orphans,  
the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to visit the lonely;  
to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit;  
and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort  
all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give us true repentance;  
to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances;  
and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit  
to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies,  
persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand;  
to comfort and help the weak-hearted;  
to raise up those who fall; and finally  
to beat down Satan under our feet,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed,  
especially Avery Lin Wu, Richard Francis Bader, John Doyle, Marcos Salazar,  
Lee Everett Ashley, and Kathleen Leslie, eternal life and peace,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Luke, and all the saints,  
we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**



*Officiant* Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

*People* Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.



O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.

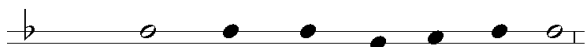
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.



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



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



*Officiant* Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

*People* Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

*Officiant* Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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 Liturgy of the Word

## The First Lesson

*Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–7*

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

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.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

## Psalm 32

- 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*

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

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.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

## Gospel Hymn 147

*“Now let us all with one accord”*



1 Now let us all with one ac - cord, in  
 2 The cov - e - nant, so long re - vealed to  
3 Your love, O Lord, our sin - ful race has  
 4 Re - mem - ber, Lord, though frail we be, in  
 5 There - fore, we pray you, Lord, for - give; so



1 com - pa - ny with a - ges past, keep vi - gil with our  
 2 those of faith in for - mer time, Christ by his own ex -  
3 not re - turned, but fal - si - fied; au - thor of mer - cy,  
 4 your own i - mage were we made; help us, lest in anx -  
 5 when our wan - derings here shall cease, we may with you for



1 heaven - ly Lord in his temp - ta - tion and his fast.  
 2 am - ple sealed, the Lord of love, in love sub - lime.  
3 turn your face and grant re - pent - ance for our pride.  
 4 i - e - ty, we cause your Name to be be - trayed.  
 5 ev - er live, in love and u - ni - ty and peace.

## The Holy Gospel

*Matthew 4:1–11*

*Clergy* The Holy Gospel of our Lord  
 Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

<i>Clergy</i>	The Gospel of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<b>Praise to you, Lord Christ.</b>

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Ricardo Avila

## **The Peace**

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of Christ be always with you.
<i>People</i>	<b>And also with you.</b>

## **Welcome and Announcements**

# The Holy Communion

## Offertory Anthem

Gustav Holst

### *Turn Back O Man*

Turn back, O man, forswear thy foolish ways.  
Old now is earth, and none may count her days.  
Yet thou, her child, whose head is crowned with flame,  
Still wilt not hear thine inner God proclaim,  
"Turn back, O man, forswear thy foolish ways."

Earth might be fair, and all men glad and wise.  
Age after age their tragic empires rise,  
Built while they dream, and in that dreaming weep:  
Would man but wake from out his haunted sleep,  
Earth might be fair and all men glad and wise.

Earth shall be fair, and all her people one:  
Nor till that hour shall God's whole will be done.  
Now, even now, once more from earth to sky,  
Peals forth in joy man's old undaunted cry—  
"Earth shall be fair, and all her folk be one!"

## Prayers Over the Gifts

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, **and of your own have we given you. Amen.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation; through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the Cup of Salvation. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Pray, friends, that this our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty. **May the Lord receive this sacrifice at your hands, to the praise and glory of God's Name, both to our benefit and that of all God's Holy Church. Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

*Celebrant*                      *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus

S 124

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

*Said by all*

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.



## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*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.

*Those receiving Holy Communion may partake of both bread and wine or in just one kind. If partaking from the chalice, please only drink, do not dip your wafer into the cup. You may also touch the wafer to the outside of the chalice if desired. If you wish to receive a Blessing rather than Communion, come forward and stand or kneel with your arms crossed over your chest.*

## Communion Hymn 810 (WLP)

*“You who dwell in the  
shelter of the Lord”*

1. You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -  
2. Snares of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, and  
3. For to the an - gels God's giv - en a com - mand to

bide in his sha - dow for life,	say to the Lord: “My
fam - ine will bring you no fear;	un - der God’s wings your
guard you in all of your ways;	up - on their hands they will

ref - uge,            my            rock            in whom            I            trust!"

ref - uge            with            faith - ful - ness            your            shield.

bear you    up,    lest you    dash            your foot    a - gainst    a    stone.

*Refrain*

*Refrain*



The Refrain is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4-B4 (beamed eighth notes), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half), and D4 (half). The lyrics 'The Rose Tree' are written below the staff, aligned with the notes: 'The' under G4, 'Rose' under A4-B4, 'Tree' under C5, 'The' under B4-A4, 'Rose' under G4, 'Tree' under F#4, 'The' under E4, and 'Tree' under D4.

“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.”

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

*Said by all*

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.

## **Solemn Prayer over the People**

*Celebrant*      Bow down before the Lord.

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and  
put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the  
protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn 150

*“Forty days and forty nights”*



1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;  
2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,  
3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!  
4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;  
5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;



1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.  
2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?  
3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!  
4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.  
5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

Words: George Hunt Smyttan (1822-1870), alt.

Music: *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*, melody att. Martin Herbst (1654-1681), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

## Dismissal

*The clergy dismisses the People and they respond*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*Out of the Depths I Cry to You*

Barbara Harbach







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