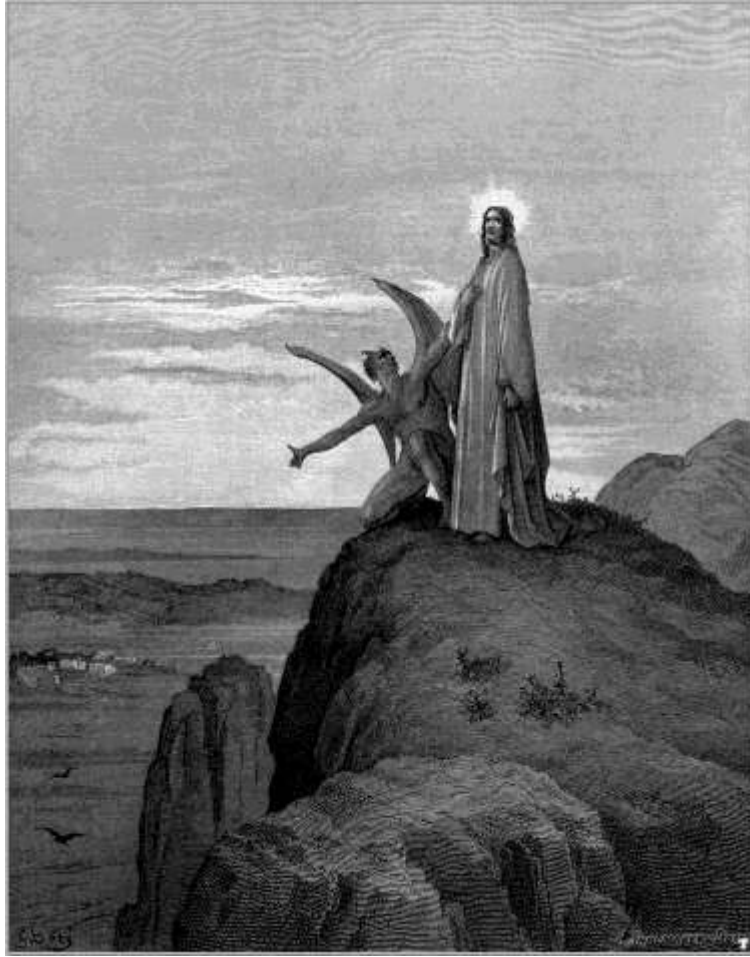


# The First Sunday in Lent



Gustave Doré, *Satan tempts Jesus*, 19th c.

February 18, 2018  
8 a.m.

**St. John's Cathedral**  
Jacksonville, Florida



The Holy Eucharist  
The First Sunday in Lent  
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THE WORD OF GOD

In Procession, The Great Litany

*The People's responses are in italics.*

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.*

For the one billion people who live on less than one dollar per day and for each child of God who dies every 3½ seconds from hunger. Lead us to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger  
*Have mercy upon us.*

For the more than 100 million children who are not in school this day. Lead us to achieve universal primary education for all children.  
*Have mercy upon us.*

For women who because of their gender never realize their full potential. Lead us to promote gender equality and empower women.  
*Have mercy upon us.*

For the victims of storms and other natural disasters, especially those affected by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria.  
*Have mercy upon us.*

For the victims of war, terrorism, and violence.  
*Have mercy upon us.*

For all poor and neglected persons who are unemployed and looking for work.  
*Have mercy upon us.*

For the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, for prostitutes, drug addicts, the mentally ill and all who have none to care for them.  
*Have mercy upon us.*

For reconciliation among peoples of all races and creeds, that we may know your peace.  
*Have mercy upon us.*

For peace in the Middle East: Turkey, Israel, Syria, Jordan, Egypt, Yemen, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, and Pakistan.  
*Have mercy upon us.*

For peace in Africa: Somalia, Libya, Sudan, South Sudan, and Nigeria.  
*Have mercy upon us.*

For peace in North Korea.  
*Have mercy upon us.*

For people in every land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions.  
*Have mercy upon us.*

We pray that you will bless and watch over this country.  
*Have mercy upon us.*

We pray that you will bless and watch over this Cathedral and its ministries.  
*Have mercy upon us.*

We pray that you will draw all people to your presence.  
*Have mercy upon us.*

Give us courage to face the challenges of our time and build your kingdom in the days to come.  
*Have mercy upon us.*

We pray that you would change the hearts of all who fear and run from your presence.

*Have mercy upon us.*

We pray that you would guide and bless the President of the United States, the governor, the mayor and all others who serve in government.

*Have mercy upon us.*

We pray that you would teach us how to truly repent and change our lives, forgiving us of our sins and granting us the gift of your Holy Spirit.

*Have mercy upon us.*

We pray that you would bless our enemies and give us the courage to forgive them.

*Have mercy upon us.*

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

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

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world

*Have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

*Have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, who takes 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.

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 People are seated.*

The Lesson

1 Peter 3:18-22

*Lector*             A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

*Lector*             The Word of the Lord.

*People*             Thanks be to God.

*A period of silence for reflection follows the reading.*

*The Psalm is read in unison.*

Psalm 25:1-9

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

*A period of silence for reflection follows the reading.*

## The Gospel

Mark 1:9-15

*Gospeler* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

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

## The Sermon

The Reverend Canon Allen LaMontagne

*A period of silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*The People stand.*

## 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: 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.

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* And also with you.

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

Welcome

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*As the Altar is prepared for Communion, representatives of the congregation collect the offerings of the People. You may also text the dollar amount of your gift to 904-584-3116.*

*The People stand when the offerings are brought forward and placed on the Altar.*

Hymn 380 (v. 3)

“From all that dwell below the skies”

*Old 100th*

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

Book of Common Prayer

*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.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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:

*The Celebrant and People say*

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.

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

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:

*The Celebrant and People say*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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.*

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

*People and Celebrant*

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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then mat be sung or said*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast.

*The Celebrant and People say the Agnus Dei*

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

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

*Celebrant* Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
*People* grant us peace.

*The Celebrant continues*

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.)

*The Lord's Table is open to all. Baptized persons are welcome to receive communion. Unbaptized persons are invited to the altar to receive a blessing. To signify that you do not desire communion, please cross your arms over your chest, and a priest will administer a blessing.*

## Postcommunion Prayer

*The Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The People kneel. The Celebrant and People say*

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Blessing

*The Celebrant blesses the people.*

## Announcements

Hymn 149

“Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church”

*Old 124th*

Dismissal

*People* Let us bless the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

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*The greens at the High Altar and in Cummings Chapel are given to the glory of God.*

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