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1st Sunday in Lent 2024

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Today's Readings

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Prayer of the Day

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading

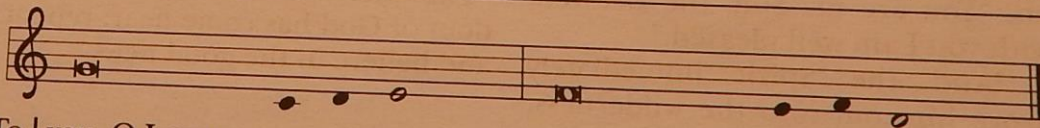
Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow

in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Psalm

Psalm 25:1-10; tone 10



To ¹ you, O LORD,
I lift ¹ up my soul.
²My God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be ¹ put to shame,
nor let my enemies
triumph ¹ over me.
³Let none who look to you
be ¹ put to shame;

rather let those be put to shame
¹ who are treacherous.
⁴Show me your ¹ ways, O LORD,
and teach ¹ me your paths.
⁵Lead me in your ¹ truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted
all ¹ the day long.

continued

Psalm, continued

**⁶Remember, O LORD,
your compass-¹ion and love,
for they are from ¹everlasting.**
⁷Remember not the sins of my youth
and ¹my transgressions;
remember me
according to your steadfast love
and for the sake
of your good-¹ness, O LORD.



**⁸You are gracious and up-¹right,
O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners
¹in your way.**
⁹You lead the low-¹ly in justice
and teach the low-¹ly your way.
**¹⁰All your paths, O LORD,
are steadfast ¹love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant
and your ¹testimonies.**

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

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, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who 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. ²¹And 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, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel

Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.

¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

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