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First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025

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Today's Readings

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Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, 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

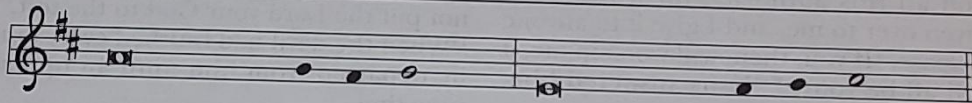
Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and

there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Psalm

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; tone 6



You who dwell in the shelter
of ¹the Most High,
who abide in the shadow
of ¹the Almighty—
²you will say to the LORD,
"My refuge ¹and my stronghold,
my God in whom I ¹put my trust."

⁹Because you have made the ¹LORD
your refuge,
and the Most High your ¹habitation,
¹⁰no evil ¹will befall you,
nor shall affliction
come ¹near your dwelling.

continued

Psalm, continued

¹¹For God will give the angels
charge ¹ over you,
to guard you in ¹ all your ways.

¹²**Upon their hands
they will ¹ bear you up,
lest you strike your foot
a- ¹ gainst a stone.**

¹³You will tread
upon the lion ¹ cub and viper;
you will trample down
the lion ¹ and the serpent.

¹⁴**I will deliver those who ¹ cling to me;
I will uphold them,
because they ¹ know my name.**

¹⁵They will call me,
and I will ¹ answer them;
I will be with them in trouble;
I will rescue and ¹ honor them.

¹⁶**With long life will I ¹ satisfy them,
and show them ¹ my salvation.**

Second Reading

Romans 10:8b-13

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”
(that is, the word of faith that we pro-
claim); ⁹because if you confess with
your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe
in your heart that God raised him from
the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one
believes with the heart and so is justi-

fied, and one confesses with the mouth
and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No
one who believes in him will be put to
shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction be-
tween Jew and Greek; the same Lord is
Lord of all and is generous to all who
call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned
from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit
in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he
was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing
at all during those days, and when they
were over, he was famished. ³The devil
said to him, “If you are the Son of God,
command this stone to become a loaf of
bread.” ⁴Jesus answered him, “It is writ-
ten, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

⁵Then the devil led him up and
showed him in an instant all the king-
doms of the world. ⁶And the devil said
to him, “To you I will give their glory
and all this authority; for it has been
given over to me, and I give it to anyone
I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it
will all be yours.” ⁸Jesus answered him,
“It is written,

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

⁹Then the devil took him to
Jerusalem, and placed him on the pin-
nacle of the temple, saying to him, “If
you are the Son of God, throw yourself
down from here, ¹⁰for it is written,

‘He will command his angels
concerning you,
to protect you,’

¹¹and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot
against a stone.’”

¹²Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do
not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

¹³When the devil had finished every test,
he departed from him until an oppor-
tune time.

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