# Sunday, February 18, 2024 First Sunday of Lent

Gathering: Beyond the Days (Manalo) (Week 1) ... Handout

Refrain:

Beyond the days of hope and mystery we see a light of faith renewed, and in our longing we thirst for guidance to walk with you day by day.

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Forty days and nights, you guide the steps of our journey. May your presence be felt in the whisper of your voice.

Kyrie: Kyrie Eleison - Mass of John Carroll (Joncas)

**First Reading** 

A reading from the first book called Genesis

God said to Noah and to his children with him, "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark.

I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth."

God added, "This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds, to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings."

The Word of God.

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Responsorial: Psalm 25 Teach me Your Ways

Refrain: Teach me your ways, teach me your ways, teach me your ways, O Lord, O Lord.

- 1. Lord, make me know your ways, teach me your paths and keep me in the way of your truth, for you are God, my Savior.
- 2. For the Lord is good and righteous, revealing the way to those who wander, gently leading the poor and the humble.
- 3. To the ones who seek the Lord, who look to God's word, who live God's love, God will always be near, and will show them mercy.

## **Second reading**

#### A reading from the first letter of Peter

Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God.

Put to death in the flesh, Jesus was brought to life in the spirit.

In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water.

This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear 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 subject to him.

#### The word of God

Gospel Acclamation: Lenten Gospel Acclamation (Canedo & Hurd) ... BB901

#### Praise and honor to you, O Lord Jesus Christ

"One does not live on bread alone; one does not live on bread alone; but on every word that comes from the mouth of God; from the mouth of God."

#### **Gospel Reading**

#### A reading from the Gospel according to Mark

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:

"This is the time of fulfillment. The reign of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

The Good News of Salvation.

#### Homily

#### **Universal Intercessions**

#### Response:

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For all humanity: that we may respect and honor God's covenant with all living creatures and strive toward greater stewardship of the air, land, and water for the good of all and for future generations, let us pray...

For all who doubt God's love or feel that their lives do not matter: that they may discover God's unconditional love for them in the Gospel message and in our acceptance and friendship, let us pray...

For our Community, that this Lenten season sees us renewing our covenant with God to act justly through praying, fasting and giving, let us pray...

For a renewal of prayer: that God will guide us to quiet places where we can listen to God's words and respond with sincerity, let us pray...

And for what else shall we pray?...

#### The Liturgy of the Eucharist

## **Preparation of Gifts**

Offertory: Remember Your Love (Balhoff, Ducote, Daigle) ... BB659

Refrain: Remember your love and your faithfulness, O Lord. Remember your people and have mercy on us, Lord

- 1. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? The Lord is my life and my refuge; when I call God hears.
- 2. If you dwelt, O Lord, upon our sinfulness, then who could stand? But with You there is mercy and forgiveness and a guiding hand.
- 3. O Lord, hear the sound of my call and answer me. My heart cries out for Your presence; it is You I seek.
- 4. As sentinels wait upon the daylight, wait for the Lord. I trust in your kindness and redemption; and your faithful word.
- 5. Before all the mountains were begotten and earth took shape, Even then, O Lord, You were our refuge throughout ev'ry age.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God forever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God forever.

Pray, 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 holy Church.

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that, through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen** 

The Eucharistic Prayer (if you are watching the video or listening to the audio, please follow along and participate with Fr. Jack; and continue with the Communion Songs below.)

Holy: Mass of Christ the Savior (Schutte) ... BB918

Mem: Kauffman Renewal-Save Us Savior (Gokelman & Kauffman) ... H/O

Amen: Christ the Savior (Schutte) ... BB922 Lamb: Lamb of God (Maher, Le, Ndolo) ... H/O

Communion 1: Servant Song (McGargill) ... BB393

What do you want of me, Lord?
Where do you want me to serve you?
Where can I sing your praises.
I am your song.
Jesus, Jesus, you are the Lord.
Jesus, Jesus, you are the way.

I hear you call my name, Lord, and I am moved within me. Your Spirit stirs my deepest self. Sing your songs in me. Jesus, Jesus, you are my Lord. Jesus, Jesus, you are the way.

Above, below, and around me.
Before, behind and all through me
your Spirit burns deep within me.
Fire my life with your love.
Jesus, Jesus, be warmth of my heart.
Jesus, Jesus, you are the way

You are the light in my darkness.
You are my strength when I'm weary.
You give me sight when I'm blinded.
Come see for me.
Jesus, Jesus, you are my light.
Jesus, Jesus, you are the way

I am your song and servant,
Singing your praises like Mary.
Surrendered to your spirit
Let it be done to me!
Jesus, Jesus, let it be done to me!
Jesus, Jesus, you are the way

# Communion 2: Purify My Heart (Kauffman) ... H/O & 209

#### Refrain:

Put a new, right spirit here within me, purify my heart, purify my heart. Restore the joy of your salvation, purify my heart, purify my heart. Wash me Lord and I will be clean.

V1 Have mercy on me Lord, according to your love, take every sin and fault away from me. Longing to be whole again, sanctify my soul again, and I, I will be free.

V2 Against you have I done what is evil in your sight, you would be so right to cast me out. But let these wretched bones walk in steps of only hope, return me to you now.

V3 I will teach your ways of deliverance, to hearts yearning for true love. My voice will ever praise your presence, present to me now.

# **Prayer after Communion**

#### **Announcements**

Go in peace, Thanks be to God.

## Sending: Our God Is Here (Muglia) ... BB301

Here in this time, here in this place,
Here we are standing face to face.
Here in our hearts, here in our lives,
Our God is here.
Here for the broken, here for the strong,
Here in this temple we belong.
Here in our hearts, here in our lives,
Our God is here.
And we cry
"Holy! Holy! Holy are you!"
We cry: "Holy! Holy! Holy and true!"
Amen, we do believe our God is here.
Our God is here.

Here in the Word, God is revealed,
Here where the wounded can be healed.
Here in our hearts, here in our lives,
Our God is here.
Here we become what we receive,
Here in this Eucharistic feast.
We are his body, living as one;
Our God is here.
And we cry
"Holy! Holy! Holy are you!"
We cry: "Holy! Holy! Holy and true!"
Amen, we do believe our God is here.
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