February 21, 2021 First Sunday of Lent

Reading 1

Gn 9:8-15

God said to Noah and to his sons 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 the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old. In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Good and upright is the LORD, thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and he teaches the humble his way.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Reading 2

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, he 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 the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

<u>Gospel</u>

Mk 1:12-15

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 kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

The Gospel of Lord

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

ASHES

Tom Conry



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VILLE DU HAVRE

ALL IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

0 1. When peace, like at tend eth with my а riv er, my 1. lt is well soul; а -2. My soul rest the Lord God 2-4. All well with my soul; is at in 3. My God is my safe ty, my glo ry, my 4. 0 God, Т will bless long Т you as as 1. It is well, it is well with soul. my 2-4. All well, all is well with is my soul. 1. When bil - lows What wav: sor - rows like sea roll: Text: 11 8 11 9 with refrain. Verse 1 text, traditional; fr. It Is Well with My Soul; Horatio Gates Spafford, 1827–1888. Verses 2–4 text based on Psalm 62:2–3, 6–9; 63:5, © 2008, 2010, Carey Landry. Published by OCP. All rights reserved. Music: Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876. 2. lone; From God comes sal va tion and hope. With 3. strength; My ref - uge when life takes its toll. Т With 4. live: For your grace lone makes me whole. а -1. ev er my lot, you have taught me to PLEASE take this Mass guide home with you 2. God as my rock, Т shall not be dis 3. trust God, in my 1 pour out as my will or place in the trash receptacles at the door 4. glad ness and joy Т sing of your entrances. P "It 1. say, is well, it is well with my soul." Do not return or leave it behind. 2. turbed: All all is is well. well with soul. mv 3. heart: All is well, all is well with my soul. Thank you! 4. name: All is well, all with soul! is well my - -

ON EAGLE'S WINGS



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Reflection:

Lent bids us to return to the innocence our baptism. As Noah and his family were saved through the waters of the deluge, we were saved through the waters of Baptism, Peter reminds us in today's Epistle. God's covenant with Noah in today's First Reading marked the start of a new world. But it also prefigured a new and greater covenant between God and His creation. We see that new covenant and that new creation begin in today's Gospel. Jesus is portrayed as the new Adam—the beloved son of God, living in harmony with the wild beasts, being served by angels.

Like Adam, He too is tempted by the devil. But while Adam fell, giving reign to sin and death, Jesus is victorious. This is the good news, the "gospel of God" that He proclaims. Through His death, resurrection, and enthronement at the right hand of the Father, the world is once again made God's kingdom. In the waters of Baptism, each of us entered the kingdom of His beloved Son. We were made children of God, new creations. But like Jesus, and Israel before Him, we have passed through the baptismal waters only to be driven into the wilderness—a world filled with afflictions and tests of our faithfulness. We are led on this journey by Jesus. He is the Savior—the way and the truth we sing of in today's Psalm. He feeds us with the bread of angels, and cleanses our consciences in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

As we begin this holy season, let us renew our baptismal vows-to repent and believe the gospel.

-The New Creation: Scott Hahn Reflects on the First Sunday of Lent; St. Paul Center

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

<u>Gloria in Excelsis</u>

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayer Over the Offerings

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.

<u>Sanctus</u>

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. 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.

Memorial Acclamation

Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

[At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, bow your head.] and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day 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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.