



**Morning Prayer**  
**The First Sunday in Lent**  
**February 21, 2021 9 am**  
**Ministers of the Liturgy**

The Rev. Dr. Judith Lee  
Members of the Vestry

Beth Moeller & Lisa Ruggiero, Wardens  
Edla Ann Bloom, Lucille Clinkman, Steve Ketcham,  
Karen Carig-O'Neill, Cindi Scrimgeour, Wayne Stochaj

**Musicians:**

Randolph Bloom, Jeff Lukas

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. [Psalm 51:10]*

**Prelude**

*Prelude in E Minor*

J. S. Bach

**Mother Judith Opening Prayer**

God of sea and sky, God of earth and wind, in the time of Noah you set your bow of colors in the heavens as a promise, as the sign of the everlasting covenant between you and all creation. In the time of Jesus, you tore apart the heavens and your Spirit landed on him like a dove as the sign of good news of the coming of your holy reign. In this season of Lent, you call us to repentance and renewal, to remember that we belong to you. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, so that our fragile earthen vessels may join as one, becoming ever more the loving, grace-filled Body of the one who lived and died and rose again as we gather in his name.

**Amen.**

**The Great Litany**

**Beth Moeller & Lisa Ruggiero**

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth **Have mercy on us.**

Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world, **Have mercy on us.**

Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful, **Have mercy on us.**

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God, **Have mercy on us.**

**II.** From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent, **Savior deliver us.**

From laziness, worldliness, and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your teachings, **Savior deliver us.**

From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, flesh, and the devil **Savior deliver us.**  
From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying unprepared, **Savior deliver us.**  
In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and at the day of judgment,  
**Savior deliver us.**

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood, and obedience; by your baptism, fasting, and temptation, **Savior deliver us.**

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by the preaching of your reign, **Savior deliver us.**

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial,  
**Savior deliver us.**

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit, **Savior deliver us.**

### **Lucille Clinkman & Wayne Stochaj**

**III.** Hear our prayers, O Christ our God. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Govern and direct your holy church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit.  
**Hear us, O Christ.**

Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived, **Hear us, O Christ.**

Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved, and the oppressed. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Keep in safety those who travel, and all who are in danger. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Heal the sick in body, mind, or spirit, and provide for the homeless, the hungry, and the destitute. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Guard and protect all children who are in danger, **Hear us, O Christ.**

Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages, and refugees, and all who are in trouble,  
**Hear us, O Christ.**

Forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and turn their hearts. **Hear us, O Christ.**

### **Karen Carig-O'Neill & Cindi Scrimgeour**

**VI.** Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.

**Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,**

**Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy on us.**

**Mother Judith The Invitatory and Psalter**

*The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.*

**Mary Johnson Psalm 67:1-5**

O God, be merciful to us and bless us, \* show us the light of your countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth, \* your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; \* let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*

for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; \* let all the peoples praise you

**Edla Ann Bloom Psalm 25:1-9**

1 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.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*

let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

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

4 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.

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

6 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.

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

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

9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*

to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**Steve Ketcham A Reading from the Book of Genesis [9:8-17]**

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and 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. I 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." God 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: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I 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. When 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.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

**Cindi Scrimgeour      A Song of Christ’s Humility:      Philippians 2:6-11**

Though in the form of God, \* Christ Jesus did not cling to equality with God,  
But emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, \* and was born in human likeness.  
Being found in human form, he humbled himself \*

and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.

Therefore, God has highly exalted him \* and given him the name above every name,  
That at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow, \*

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, \* to the glory of God the Father.

**Lucille Clinkman A Reading from the Gospel of Mark [1:9-15]**

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.”

**Homily**

**Karen Carig-O’Neill      A Song of Faith      1 Peter [1:3-4,18-21]**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, \*

by divine mercy we have a new birth into a living hope;

Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, \*

we have an inheritance that is imperishable in heaven.

The ransom that was paid to free us \* was not paid in silver or gold,

But in the precious blood of Christ, \* the Lamb without spot or stain.  
God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory \*  
so that we might have faith and hope in God.

**Musical Meditation** *Take my life, and let it be.*

Hymnal #707

*Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee  
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love;  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.*

*Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.  
Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.  
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.*

**Mother Judith** **The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Beth Moeller & Lisa Ruggiero** **The Prayers**

Show us your mercy, O Lord; **and grant us your salvation.**

Clothe your ministers with righteousness; **let your people sing with joy.**

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world; **for only in you can we live in safety.**

Lord, keep this nation under your care; **and guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Let your way be known upon earth; **your saving health among all nations.**

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten; **nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Create in us clean hearts, O God; **and sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

**Mother Judith** **The Lord's Prayer**

## **Mother Judith Collect of the Day**

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.**

## **Steven Ketcham & Cindi Scrimgeour The Prayers of the People**

Our Savior Jesus Christ promised to draw to himself all things in heaven or on earth. Let us pray, therefore, that the peace accomplished through the Cross of Christ may be brought forth in our own world and in our personal relationships. Let us pray for the Church and the world and for peace among all nations. *Silence*

God of love, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the poor, hungry, and neglected all over the world, especially the people whose lives have been devastated by the storm in Texas, that their cries for daily bread may inspire works of compassion and mercy. *Silence*

God of love, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for schools and centers of learning throughout the world, for those who lack access to basic education, and for the light of knowledge to shine in the lives of all God's people. *Silence*

God of love, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for an end to our divisions and inequalities, that we all might share in the blessings of your creation. *Silence*

God of love, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the health of men, women, children and families around the world. *Silence*

God of love, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for an end to the waste of God's creation, for access to the natural resources to be shared equally among all people, and for resolve to conserve our resources. *Silence*

God of love, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our own community at Trinity, in thanksgiving for the blessings of our fellowship, in hopes that those who seek healing of body and spirit will find peace with us. *Silence*

God of love, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the departed, particularly those who have died as a result of covid-19, poverty, violence, or hardness of the human heart, and those we now name, silently or aloud; *Silence*  
God of love, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Most merciful God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we may find it the way of freedom and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

**Musical Meditation** *Somebody's knockin' at the door*

*Jeff Lukas*

**Edla Ann Bloom A Prayer for Black History Month-** *from Kierra Stuvland & Unknown Author*  
Spirit of Abundance, God of Grace and Hope, we pause now to remember those stories that are all around us, but so often passed over. We remember the legacy of those who came before us – who not only paved the way but carried the bricks on broken backs that then built that road. We remember the songs, stories, and fiery hope of old men and little girls, granny midwives and marvelous musicians, great orators and leaders, entrepreneurs and innovators – those who are earth-tone brown, black as night, fair like the sands of Egypt. Lord, when it's too hard living, we remember you are the great "I am" and our source of strength and purpose for each new day. Help us to value diversity beyond variety. Grant us a vision for a future that acknowledges our strength together as well as the power, creativity, and ideas that we share. May our hearts not be hardened to the pain around us. Widen our vision so that the history that is shared this month may come to be known as our history too. **Amen.**

**Lucille Clinkman & Karen Carig-O'Neill**

**Lord, Lord, Open Unto Me**

*Howard Thurman, Meditations of the Heart*

Open unto me, light for my darkness, **Open unto me, courage for my fear**  
Open unto me, hope for my despair, **Open unto me, peace for my turmoil**  
Open unto me, joy for my sorrow, **Open unto me, strength for my weakness**  
Open unto me, wisdom for my confusion, **Open unto me, forgiveness for my sins**  
Open unto me, tenderness for my toughness, **Open unto me, love for my hates**  
Open unto me, Thy Self for myself, **Lord, Lord, open unto me!**

**Beth Moeller A Prayer in Time of Transition**

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and for our ministries. Open our hearts to possibilities we have not yet imagined, through Jesus Christ, our Light, our Center, our Hope. **Amen.**

**Lisa Ruggiero    A Prayer for Facing the Coronavirus**

Merciful God, hear our fervent prayer for all who suffer from the coronavirus. May those who are infected receive the proper treatment and the comfort of your healing presence. May their caregivers, families and neighbors be shielded from the virus. Give solace to those who grieve the loss of almost 500,000 loved ones. Protect and guide those who strive to find a cure, that their work may conquer the disease and restore communities to wholeness and health. Help us to rise above fear. We ask all this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Wayne Stochaj    A Prayer To End Hunger**

*Education for Justice*

Sharing the loaves and fishes, You gave us an image of solidarity with the hungry, O Lord. Sharing yourself in the bread and wine, You called everyone to the table, O Lord. Give us the hunger to be a part of the feeding and the healing of this world. Nourish us with your Grace, so we may work with joy to serve your children. Open our eyes and hearts to recognize those who are hungry and forgive our forgetfulness and willful ignorance, so we may all break bread together. In your name we pray for the end of hunger. **Amen.**

**Edla Ann Bloom        A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

**Mother Judith    Blessing**

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice forever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Mother Judith    Dismissal:**

Go now to follow the way of Jesus: see others as he did; dare to give freely as he did; to resist temptation as he did; and to love unconditionally as he did. **Thanks be to God.**