

ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR

# *The First Sunday of Lent*

**WELCOME! A few important notes on today's liturgy:**

- + **Wearing a mask is mandatory whenever you are in the Cathedral. Your mask must cover both your nose and your mouth at all times.**
- + **The clergy and readers are permitted to remove their masks, but only when they are speaking. They will wear masks at all other times.**
- + **Always observe social distance of at least six feet between family groups, including during the communion procession and as you leave.**
- + **Do not move around the Cathedral before or during Mass. Please follow the directions of the ushers as you leave the Cathedral.**
- + **Congregational singing is not permitted at this time.**
- + **Thank you! We can all help each other stay safe and comfortable by following these common sense guidelines.**

INTROIT

Psalm 91: *Qui habitat*

adapt. Thomas B. Stratman (1939-2008)

*"I give them life long and full, and I show them my power to save," says the Lord.*  
If you live in the shelter of the Most High, make your home in the shade of the Almighty,  
you say to the Lord, "my Rock, my Fortress, my God in whom I trust."  
God rescues you from the snares of the fowler set on entrapping you;  
God gathers you 'neath his pinons; you find shelter 'neath his wings.  
You need not fear the terrors of the night, nor the arrows that fly in daylight,  
nor the plague that stalks in the dark, nor the pestilence that wreaks havoc at noon.

GREETING

PENITENTIAL ACT

Presider Have mercy on us, O Lord.  
ALL **For we have sinned against you.**  
Presider Show us, O Lord, your mercy.  
ALL **And grant us your salvation.**

KYRIE *sung by the Cantors*

chant, Vatican XVI

OPENING PRAYER (COLLECT)

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

FIRST READING

Genesis 9:8-15

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 25

Michel Guimont (b. 1952)

*Your ways, O LORD, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.*  
O LORD, make me know your ways. Teach me your paths.  
Guide me in your truth, and teach me; for you are the God of my salvation.  
Remember your compassion, O LORD, and your merciful love, for they are from of old.  
In your merciful love remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.  
Good and upright is the LORD, teaching the way to sinners,  
Guiding the humble in judgment, and teaching the way to the poor.

SECOND READING

I Peter 3:18-22

TRACT *sung by the Cantors*

Thomas B. Stratman

*LORD, how wondrous is your wisdom!*

No one lives by bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
The Word of God is pure: a shield to all who trust him.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:12-15

HOMILY

**Archbishop Paul D. Etienne** (8:00am)  
**Father Michael G. Ryan** (all other masses)

PROFESSION OF FAITH

**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,  
ALL BOW  
and by the Holy Spirit  
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.  
ALL STAND UPRIGHT  
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 OF THE FAITHFUL

All respond: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

### *The Liturgy of the Eucharist*

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE GIFTS

Offertory (10:00am & Noon)

*Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake*

John Hilton (the elder) (1565–c1609)

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake lay not our sins to our charge;  
but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives;  
to decline from sin, and incline to virtue,  
that we may walk in an upright heart before thee this day and evermore.

*Lydney's Praieres, 1568*

SANCTUS *sung by the Cantors*

*Missa Deus genitor alme*  
Vatican XVIII

MYSTERY OF FAITH *sung by the Cantors*

*Roman Missal*

AMEN SPOKEN BY ALL

# The Communion Rite

LORD'S PRAYER

AGNUS DEI *sung by the Cantors*

Vatican XVII

**Please kneel following the Lamb of God and remain kneeling until it is time for your row to go forward for Holy Communion.**

## *Distribution of Holy Communion*

- + **Communion is given only in the hand.**
- + **Maintain six feet of separation between household groups as you come forward.**
- + **Wear your mask. Hold your hands out as flat as possible so that the minister can easily put the host on your open palm without touching your hand.**
- + **After receiving Holy Communion, lower your mask with one hand, put the host in your mouth, and then put your mask back on.**

COMMUNION

*Scapulis suis*

He will overshadow you with his pinions, and you will find refuge under his wings.  
His faithfulness will encompass you with a shield.

Mode III

(10:00am & Noon)

*Jesu, the very thought of thee*

Edward C. Bairstow (1874-1946)

Jesu, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast;  
But sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest.

*St. Bernard of Clairvaux*

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

PROCESSION

- + **Following the procession, please exit by the door nearest you. This may not be the door you came in. Maintain social distance as you leave the Cathedral. Thank you for following the directions of the ministers.**