

# First Sunday of Lent B

## 21 February 2021

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### First Reading

Genesis 9:8-15

A reading from the book of Genesis

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."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9

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

Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. **R.**

Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

## **Second Reading**

1 Peter 3:18-22

A reading from the first letter of Peter  
Christ suffered for sins once for all,  
the righteous for the unrighteous,  
in order to bring you to God.  
He was put to death in the flesh,  
but made alive in the spirit,  
in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison.  
In former times these did not obey,  
when God waited patiently in the days of Noah,  
during the building of the ark,  
in which a few, that is, eight persons,  
were saved through water.

Baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-  
not as a removal of dirt from the body,  
but as an appeal to God for a good 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 made subject to him.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Matthew 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

## **Gospel**

Mark 1:12-15

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark

After Jesus was baptized,  
the Spirit 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**