



Sentence The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. *Mark 1.15*

Collect

God the trackless desert,
whose Son walked untamed with beasts and spirits,
whose kingdom is not distant but breaking in among us:
give us time and space to find our new identity,
to let go of control and walk the pilgrim way;
through Jesus Christ, the good news of salvation. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The theme of 'covenant' is central to the scriptures. God had made a covenant, an eternal agreement with Israel, that God would remain steadfast towards them and the people pledged to be faithful to God. Of course, the people failed but God remained steadfast. Christians treat the story of Noah's flood as 'a type' of baptism. This is also an 'etiological story' explaining the natural phenomenon of the rainbow which was seen in the sky when the floodwaters receded.

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.'

Genesis 9.8-17

Reader For the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Psalm 25.1-10 at 8am APBA page 244

This is a prayer for deliverance from personal enemies.

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

The first verses of this reading are likely to be an early hymn to the self-offering death of Jesus as reconciling God and humanity, which is how Paul also understood Jesus' death. Noah's preservation in the flood is a prefiguring of the salvation that the act of baptism both proclaims and initiates.

Christ also 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, who in former times 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 people, were saved through water. And 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.

1 Peter 3.18-22

Pray for the Faithful Departed

We remember before God: James Wearing Smith, Ada Emery, Erina Villers Pringle, Kit Watling, Alexander Wakefield, Adrian Swan, Thomas Duncan, Stanford Ames, Wylie Ames, Victor Field
whose anniversaries occur this week.

There are no commemorations this week.

you I am well pleased.'

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for 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.'

Mark 1.9-15

Reader For the Gospel of the Lord
ALL Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Prayer for the Week.

O Lord, who for our sake fasted forty days and forty nights:

give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the spirit, we may ever obey your godly will

in righteousness and true holiness; to your honour and glory,

who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,

one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Prayer for the Lenten season.

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain, of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Bible Readings next week Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17.1-7 Ps22.24-32 Romans 4.13-25 Mark 8.31-38

Reader May your word live in us
ALL and bear much fruit to your glory.



Gospel Acclamation

ALL Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

ALL Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

Reader The Lord be with you

ALL And also with you

Reader A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark

ALL Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Though the briefest, Mark's account of Jesus' temptations is rich in meaning. Notice it is the Spirit which drives Jesus into the wilderness. Mark is proclaiming Jesus as the new Israel, the new Moses, the new Elijah, the righteous man of God, and the new Adam through whom the powers of evil are defeated and humanity restored to the relationship with God we are created to enjoy.

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