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CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
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Song of Entrance: “**Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days**”

St. Flavian

(See lyrics at the end of this document)

PRESIDER: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

PEOPLE: **His mercy endures forever.**

PRESIDER: Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.”

PRESIDER: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

ALL: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

PRESIDER: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Song of Petition “**Kyrie Eleison (Celtic Waltz in Dm)**”

Tan

(See lyrics at the end of this document)

PRESIDER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

PRESIDER: Let us pray.

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.**

THE FIRST LESSON – 1 PETER 3:8-22

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing. For

‘Those who desire life

and desire to see good days,
let them keep their tongues from evil
and their lips from speaking deceit;
let them turn away from evil and do good;
let them seek peace and pursue it.

For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their prayer.

But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.’

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. For 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.

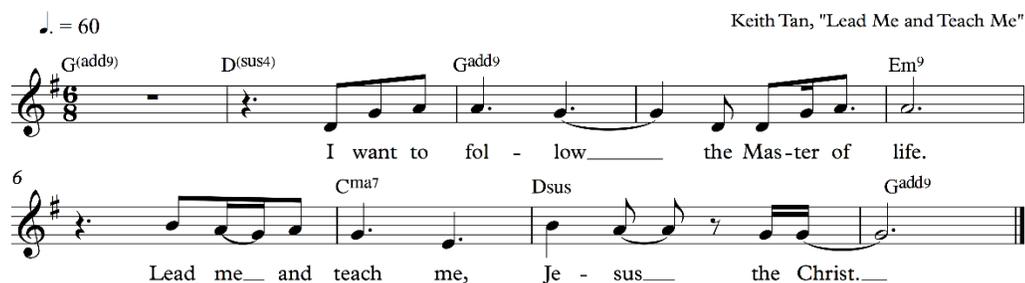
READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 50:1-6

Antiphon

♩. = 60 Keith Tan, "Lead Me and Teach Me"



I want to fol - low the Mas - ter of life.
Lead me and teach me, Je - sus the Christ.

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- 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.

Antiphon

- 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.

Antiphon

THE GOSPEL – MARK 1:9-15

PRESIDER: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

PEOPLE: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.”

PRESIDER: The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE MESSAGE

THE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made

man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again 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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER LEADER: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord have mercy."

PRAYER LEADER: For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Lord have mercy.**

PRAYER LEADER: For our Bishop, and for all clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Lord have mercy.**

PRAYER LEADER: For our President, for the leaders of the nations and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Lord have mercy.**

PRAYER LEADER: For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Lord have mercy.**

PRAYER LEADER: For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Lord have mercy.**

PRAYER LEADER: For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Lord have mercy.**

PRAYER LEADER: For _____, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Lord have mercy.**

PRAYER LEADER: For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Lord have mercy.**

PRAYER LEADER: For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Lord have mercy.**

PRAYER LEADER: For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Lord have mercy.**

PRAYER LEADER: That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Lord have mercy.**

PRAYER LEADER: In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

PEOPLE: **To you, O Lord our God.**

THE PEACE

PRESIDER: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO PRESENT YOUR OFFERINGS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

PRESIDER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

PRESIDER: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: **We lift them to the Lord.**

PRESIDER: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

PRESIDER: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

♩ = 42 - 48 Keith Tan

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of po-wer and
might. Hea-ven and earth are full of Your glo-ry, ho-san-na in the high-est!
Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord, Ho-san-na! Ho-
san-na in the high-est! in the high-est!

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Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

PRESIDER: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say . . .

ALL: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is**

the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRESIDER: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

PEOPLE: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

PRESIDER: **Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.**

PRESIDER: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

Song of the Table: **“Lead Me and Teach Me”** *Tan*

(See lyrics at the end of this document)

PRESIDER: Let us pray.

ALL: **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Song of Dismissal: **“The Wonderful Cross”**

Tomlin/Watts/Walt/Reeves/Mason

(See lyrics at the end of this document)

PRESIDER: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

“LORD WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS”

**Lord, who throughout these forty days
For us didst fast and pray,
Teach us with thee to mourn our sins,
And close by thee to stay.**

**As thou with Satan didst contend,
And didst the victory win,
O give us strength in thee to fight,
In thee to conquer sin.**

**As thou didst hunger bear and thirst,
So teach us, gracious Lord,
To die to self, and chiefly live
By thy most holy word.**

**And through these days of penitence,
And through thy Passion tide,
Yea, evermore, in life and death,
Jesus! With us abide.**

**Abide with us, that so, this life
Of suffering overpast,
An Easter of unending joy
We may attain at last!**

Words: Claudia Francis Hernaman (1838-1898)

Music: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt, and harm. Richard Redhead
(1820-1901)

"KYRIE ELEISON (CELTIC WALTZ IN Dm)"

**Kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison.
Kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison.
Kyrie eleison.**

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"LEAD ME AND TEACH ME"

**Show me Your mind, Lord
How do You think?
I want to know You more,
My beloved King.
I want to follow
The Master of Life.
Lead me and teach me,
Jesus, the Christ.**

CHORUS

***I seek You wisdom, Lord,
What would You do?
I seek Your courage, Lord,
That I may follow.
I seek Your Spirit, O Lord,
That I may be just like You.
Lead me and teach me
Jesus, the Christ.***

**Show me the course, Lord
You want me to take.
Your river of purpose
That runs through my days.
O Master and Giver
Of the Kingdom Life
Lead me and teach me,
Jesus, the Christ.**

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"THE WONDERFUL CROSS"

**When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.**

**See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

Chorus

***Oh, the wonderful cross, Oh, the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die, and find that I may truly live.
Oh, the wonderful cross, Oh, the wonderful cross;
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.***

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my life, my soul, my all.**

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