

Readings, Prayers, Sermon Notes, Psalms, Hymns
To Study and Share with those You Love.

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**In faith and the
fear of God,
Abraham
prepared to
sacrifice his
beloved son,
Isaac.**

Genesis 22

Hymn of Invocation **Jesus, Refuge of the Weary** 423

+ The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism +

INTROIT PSALM 91

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;* I will rescue him and | honor him.
With long life I will sat- | isfy him* and show him my sal- | vation. Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—*
the Most High, who is my | refuge—**no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,* no plague come | near your tent.** For he will
command his angels con- | cerning you* to guard you in | all your ways. **On their hands they will | bear you up,* lest you strike
your foot a- | gainst a stone.** You will tread on the lion and the | adder;* the young lion and the serpent
you will trample | underfoot.

**Glory to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. |
Amen.**

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;* I will rescue him and | honor him.

With long life I will sat- | isfy him* and show him my sal- | vation.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

**O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land.
Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world
toward the glory of the world to come;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

PSALM 25

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. **O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.**
Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. **Make me to know
your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.** Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I
wait all the day long. **Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.** Remember
not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O
LORD! **Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.** He leads the humble in what is right, and
teaches the humble his way. **All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant
and his testimonies. Glory to the Father and to the + Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and
will be forever, Amen.** The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear Him, and he makes known to them His covenant.

APPOINTED READINGS 18 FEBRUARY 2024

Genesis 22:1–18

James 1:12–18

Mark 1:9–15

Christ Jesus Defeats Our Temptation and Saves Us by His Faithfulness

- In faith and the fear of God, Abraham prepared to sacrifice his beloved son, Isaac. At the Word of the Lord, he “took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son.” And “when they came to the place of which God had told him,” Abraham bound Isaac “and laid him on the altar” (Gen. 22:6, 9). Then God stayed Abraham’s hand and provided “for himself the lamb for a burnt offering” (Gen. 22:8). That Lamb is God’s own beloved Son, Jesus, in whom “all the nations of the earth” are blessed (Gen. 22:18).
- As the Substitute for all the sons of men, Jesus is driven by the Spirit “into the wilderness” to be “tempted by Satan” (Mark 1:12–13) in order to endure and defeat all temptation.
- We are tempted by our own desire, which conceives and “gives birth to sin” (James 1:14–15). But this blessed Man, Christ Jesus, remained “steadfast under trial,” and He has received “the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him” (James 1:12). His faithfulness, His victory and His life are now given to us by His grace in the Gospel.

Confession Of Our Common Faith: The Nicene Creed

Hymn of the Day **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God** 656

SERMON NOTES

+ The First Sunday in Lent +
18 February 2024 ***You have not withheld your only son*** Genesis 22:12

Now I know that you fear God, because you did not refuse to give me your son, your only son."

By enduring a great test of faith, Abraham shows true fear of God in not refusing to give his only son and so receives the promised blessing that will come to all nations through the perfect sacrifice of the One whom Isaac foreshadowed -- our Lord and Savior Jesus.

1. **God designs tests and trials of our faith**
 1. Abraham's "**Anfechtung**" (*temptation, affliction, trial, tribulation*).
 2. God calls every believer to remain steadfast / endure
2. **True fear of God produces the obedience of faith**
 1. Obedience of faith surrenders to God
 2. He leads the humble in what is right / teaches them
3. **By not refusing His only Son, God blesses all nations**
 1. In Jesus, we possess the gate of our enemies
 2. Blessed to know the Way, the Truth, the Life

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT 18 FEBRUARY 2024

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord, in the midst of this life we are beset by many temptations. Fix our eyes on our Lord Jesus, who bore temptation for us and resisted to the point of death, and bring us through the evils of this fallen world to dwell with You forever.
Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, You placed the wood of the cross on the back of Your only begotten Son, that as the promised offspring of Abraham He might possess the gates of hell. Bless, we pray, His Church and all those called to preach and teach within her. Give them certainty that hell cannot prevail against them, and so embolden them in faith to trample every power of the enemy underfoot.
Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, preserve all catechumens and their teachers, all children and their parents, and every Christian home from the assaults of the evil one. As Your Son overcame Satan in the desert by the Word of God, so also give us the victory through Christ and His Word. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father of lights, from whom every good and perfect gift comes down to us from above, keep us from being enticed by our own desires to misuse Your gifts. Help us use them rightly in service to You and our neighbor. Bless Joseph and all our leaders, that we may be governed wisely and justly for the good of this present generation and those to come.
Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Most High God, our refuge in every trouble, You have promised to hear when we call to You. Command Your angels to guard our brothers and sisters and all who suffer in our midst [*especially* _____]
evil that can befall the body, mind or soul. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, the time is fulfilled and Your kingdom is at hand as Your beloved Son comes to us here at the altar. By Your Spirit, grant that we receive Him in repentance and believe the Gospel proclaimed in His body given and His blood shed for us.
Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, see how the adversary continually afflicts us and walks about as a roaring lion seeking to devour us. We implore You for the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, to help us by the grace of the Holy Spirit and to strengthen our hearts by Your Word, that our enemy would not prevail over us, but instead that we may abide evermore in Your grace and be preserved to life everlasting; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**