



Becoming a beloved community of God where all belong.
First Sunday in Lent February 18 2024

Prelude: *Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord* | Felix Mendelssohn, Arr. Jan Sanborn

Opening Hymn: H-149 | *Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church*

Gospel Hymn: H-608 | *Eternal Father, strong to save*

Offertory Anthem: *I Give You a New Commandment* | Words: John 13: 34-5 | Music: Peter Aston

I give you a new commandment: love one another;
as I have loved you, so you are to love one another.
If there is this love among you,
then all will know that you are my disciples.

Communion Hymn: H-147 | *Now let us all with one accord*

Closing Hymn: H-142 | *Lord, who throughout these forty days*

Postlude: *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* | Tune: ST. THOMAS by Aaron Williams | Arr. Ralph Long

The Collect/ Prayer of the Day

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.*

Readings: https://lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Lent/BLent1_RCL.html

Psalm 25:1-9 – Prayed responsively by **half** verse

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.**
- 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jazz Mass & Pancake Breakfast – Thank you to everyone for a wonderful and uplifting worship service, especially the choir, musicians and Carolyn, and for everyone who helped set up and clean up and make food for the pancake breakfast! It was a grand party!

New Members Class – If you are interested in learning more about The Episcopal Church and are considering being confirmed or received into The Episcopal Church please attend the New Members Class beginning on Sunday, February 18 after worship service. Contact Rev. Beth if you have questions: rector@saintnicks.com.

Photos for the Directory – Please email a photo to office@saintnicks.com for the directory. We would love to have photos of everyone before we print the latest directory.

Lenten Disciplines – Here are a few ideas for keeping a holy Lent.

- Episcopal Relief & Development Lenten Meditations
- Living Compass Lenten Meditations
- Lent Madness (completed brackets are due today)
- The Poetry of Lent with Mary Oliver (booklets on Welcome Table)
- MD Creation Care calendar (on Welcome Table)
- Fasting this Lent – Words of Pope Francis (on Welcome Table)
- Sacred Belonging – reach out to someone, make eye contact with strangers, smile
- Sacred Being – take a walk in nature, appreciate God's creation
- Sacred Reading – book suggestions *Not Too Late* by Rebecca Solnit or *Sabbath* by Wayne Muller
- Sacred Eating - eat meals purchased from locally grown sources, plant based eating and/or intermittent fasting, eat mindfully

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