



First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025

## **Prayer of the Day**

O Lord God, you would have us put no trust in anything we do. Mercifully grant that by your power we may be defended against all adversity; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

<sup>1</sup>{Moses said to the Israelites,} "When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, 2you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. <sup>3</sup>And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.' 4Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God. <sup>5</sup>And you shall make response before the LORD your God, 'A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. <sup>6</sup>And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. <sup>7</sup>Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. 8And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. <sup>9</sup>And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.' And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you."

### Psalm 91:1-13

<sup>1</sup>He who dwells in the shelter of | the Most High,\* abides under the shadow of | the Almighty.

<sup>2</sup>He shall say to the LORD,

"You are my refuge | and my stronghold," my God in whom I | put my trust."

<sup>3</sup>He shall deliver you from the snare | of the hunter\* and from the | deadly pestilence.

<sup>4</sup>He shall cover you with his pinions,

and you shall find refuge un- | der his wings;\* his faithfulness shall be a | shield and buckler.

<sup>5</sup>You shall not be afraid of any ter- | ror by night,\* nor of the arrow that | flies by day;

<sup>6</sup>Of the plague that stalks | in the darkness,\* nor of the sickness that lays | waste at midday.

<sup>7</sup>A thousand shall fall at your side and ten thousand at | your right hand,\* but it shall | not come near you.

<sup>8</sup>Your eyes have only | to behold\* to see the reward | of the wicked.

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the | LORD your refuge,\* and the Most High your | habitation,

<sup>10</sup>There shall no evil hap- | pen to you,\* neither shall any plague come | near your dwelling.

<sup>11</sup>For he shall give his angels charge | over you,\* to keep you in | all your ways.

<sup>12</sup>They shall bear you | in their hands,\* lest you dash your foot a- | gainst a stone.

<sup>13</sup>You shall tread upon the li- | on and adder;\* you shall trample the young lion and the serpent un- | der your feet.

# Second Reading: Romans 10:8b-13

<sup>8b</sup>"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup>For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

#### Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness <sup>2</sup> for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." <sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone." 5And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, 6 and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. 7If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." 8And Jesus answered him, "It is written, "'You shall worship the LORD your God, and him only shall you serve." 9And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,"  $^{11}$ and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone."  $^{12}$ And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the LORD your God to the test.'" 13And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

> Lessons for Next Week: Jeremiah 26:8-15; Psalm 4; Philippians 3:17- 4:1; Luke 13:31-35

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