
**St. Mary of the Assumption
Roman Catholic Church**

*1st Sunday of Lent
February 21st, 2021*

Processional There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Text 87 87 D; Fredrick W Faber, 1814-1863; lt. Music: Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlieities en Contradansen, ca. 1710

1. *There's a wideness in God's mercy Like a wideness of the sea; There's a kindness in his justice Which is more than liberty. There is plentiful redemption In the blood that has been shed; There is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.*
2. *For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind, And the heart of the Eternal Is most wonderfully kind. If our love were but more simple We should take him at his word, And our lives would be thanksgiving For the goodness of our Lord.*

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison

Lord have Mercy, Christ have Mercy, Lord have Mercy

Gloria

First Reading

Genesis 6: 9

God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth." God added: "This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings."

The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 25

"Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant."

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear 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 subject to him.

The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

“One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.”

Gospel

Mark 1:12-15

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

The Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

Homily

Nicene Creed

I BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, **the Only Begotten** Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, **consubstantial with the Father;**
through Him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation, He came down from heaven,
(All bow during these two lines)

***And by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary
and became man.***

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
**He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day
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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the
Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is **adored** and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. **AMEN.**

Universal Prayer

Lord, hear our prayer.

Offertory Your Words Are Spirit and Life.

Text: Based on the Psalm 19:8-11ayer traditionally ascr. To St. Francis of Assisi, ca 1182-1226. Sebastian Temple. Text and music 1967, 2003 OCP

***Refrain:** Your words are spirit and life, O Lord; richer than gold, stronger than death. Your words are spirit and life. O Lord; life everlasting.*

- 1. God's law is perfect, refreshing the soul, reviving the weary spirit. God's rule can be trusted: bringing us wisdom, bringing God's wisdom to birth.*
- 2. God's precepts keep us; their purpose is right. They gladden the hearts of people. God's command is so clear it brings us new vision; bringing God's light to our eyes.*

Sanctus / Holy Holy

Mystery of Faith

Amen

Our Father

Agnus Dei / Lamb of God

Invitation to Communion

Communion (Prayer for Act of Spiritual Communion)

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Communion Hymn On Eagles Wings

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1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord. Who abide in his shadow for life, say to the Lord: "my refuge, my rock in whom I trust!" R.

2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear: under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield. R.

***Refrain:** And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.*

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***Refrain:** Ashes to ashes from dust unto dust the cross on our forehead, your promise, O God. Ready us to follow the way of your Son, to rise from these ashes, redeemed in the fire of your love.*

- 1. Sound the trumpet in Zion, announce from the Lord that the day of God's favor is ever close at hand. R.*
- 2. Rend your hearts not your garments; return to the Lord who delights when we offer a truly humble heart. R.*
- 3. We have seen in the heavens and held in our arms what the hand of our Maker can fashion out of dust. R.*

Recessional Blest Be the Lord

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***Refrain:** Blest be the Lord; blest be the Lord, the God of mercy, the God who saves. I shall not fear the dark of night, nor the arrow that flies by day.*

1. He will release me from the nets of all my foes. He will protect me from their wicked hands. Beneath the shadow of his wings I will rejoice to find a dwelling place secure R.

2. I need not shrink before the terror of the night, nor stand alone before the light of day. No harm shall come to me, no arrow strike me down, no evil settle in my soul. R.

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