

# First Sunday of Lent: February 20, 2021

## **Prelude**

1. Come, beloved, and rest your mind; leave the things of this world behind.  
Here I will be your daily bread, all that you need.

### **Refrain**

Into the desert I will lead; here in the silence my word will speak.  
And you will find the peace you seek here in the desert.

2. Stay, beloved, and lose your fear; there is healing and mercy here.  
Here I will be a living stream, all that you need.

3. From this desert your life will bloom; out of despair is hope renewed.  
And from this death you shall arise, arise with me.

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## **Gathering**

### **Refrain:**

Beyond the days of hope and myst'ry we see a light of faith renewed,  
and in our longing we thirst for guidance to walk with you day by day.

1. Forty days and nights, you guide the steps of our journey.  
May your presence be felt in the whisper of your voice.

2. Not on bread alone are we to walk on this journey.  
Speak the words that give life to the yearnings of our hearts.

3. In your hands, O God, we feel the touch of your guidance.  
Keep us safe in your care: may your gentleness be there.

### **Final Refrain:**

Beyond the days of hope and myst'ry we see a light of faith renewed,  
and in our longing we thirst for guidance to walk with you day by day,  
to walk with you day by day.

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## ***Into the Desert***

## **Lord, Have Mercy**

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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## **Psalm**

### **Refrain:**

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

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## **Gospel Acclamation**

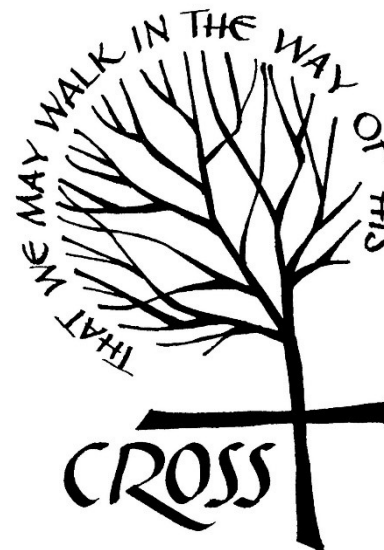
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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## ***Mass of the Sacred Heart***

## ***Your Ways O Lord***

## ***Mass of the Sacred Heart***



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## Offertory

## *Gracious God*

1. Lead us, Lord, into the desert; lead us through the wilderness. Through this journey we will follow, for we long to see your face. (to verse 2)

2. In this time of sacred struggle, in this time of sacrifice, we rejoice for we remember that you lead us into life. (to refrain)

Refrain:

Gracious God, mercy is your name. Redeeming Love, you give your life away.  
Gracious God, we bless your holy name. Receiving love, we give our lives away.

3. Lord, we hunger for your presence; Lord we're thirsting for your grace.  
When consuming all but you, Lord, all we gain is emptiness. (to refrain)

4. Teach us, Lord: who is our neighbor? Is it friend, or enemy?  
When we welcome or condemn them, it is you, O let us see. (to refrain)

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## Sanctus

## *Mass of the Sacred Heart*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

## Memorial Acclamation

## *Mass of the Sacred Heart*

Save Us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

## Lamb of God

## *Mass of the Sacred Heart*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, Have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, Have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, Grant us peace.

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## Communion

## *Many and Great*

1. Many and great are bearers of the Word: the Christ speaks; the heart seeks. Gathered as one, we listen to the Word and share the meal of new birth.

Refrain:

The wheat grows from springtime to fall; the wine flows; in Christ we recall the sharing of our lives with one and all.

2. Many and great are the seeds upon the field: the hand sows; the seeds grow. Take now and eat the covenant fulfilled the bread of promise and life.

3. Many and great are voices of despair: the rain falls; the voice calls. Take now and drink the wine of hope and care; our cup of blessings we share.

4. Many and great are pebbles in the sand: the sun glows; the wind blows. Take now and spread the Word to ev'ry land, the Word of goodness and hope.

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## Closing

## *Blest Be the Lord*

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 shadows of his wings I will rejoice to find a dwelling place secure.

2. I need not shrink before the terrors 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.

3. Although a thousand strong have fallen at my side, I'll not be shaken with the Lord at hand. His faithful love is all the armor that I need to wage my battle with the foe.

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