

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

A reading from the book of Genesis.

YHWH then said to Noah and his family, “I hereby establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you — birds, cattle, and the earth’s wildlife — everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I hereby establish my covenant with you:

All flesh will never again be swept away
by the waters of the flood;
never again will a flood
destroy the earth.”

YHWH said, “Here is the sign of the covenant between me and you and every living creature for ageless generations: I set my bow in the clouds, and it will be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth,

my bow appears in the clouds. Then I will remember the covenant that is between me and you and every kind of living creature, and never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all flesh.”

The Word of God. R. Thanks be to God!

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

The reason why Christ died for sins once for everyone — the just for the sake of the unjust — was in order to lead you to God. Jesus was put to death in the flesh, but was given life in the Spirit. And in the Spirit, Jesus went and preached to the imprisoned spirits. They had refused obedience long ago, while God waited patiently in the days of Noah and the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were brought to safety

through the water. That water prefigured the water of baptism through which you are now brought to safety. Baptism is not the washing away of physical dirt, but the appeal made to God by a good conscience: it brings salvation through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who entered heaven and is now at the right hand of God, having domination over angelic authorities and powers.

The Word of God. R. Thanks be to God!

Praise to You, Jesus Christ, who reigns in endless glory!

or

Glory to You, Word of God, Jesus Christ, Savior!

*We do not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.*

Praise to You, Jesus Christ, who reigns in endless glory!

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:12-15

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Immediately the Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness, and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John's arrest, Jesus appeared in Galilee proclaiming the Good News of God:

"This is the time of fulfillment. The reign of God is at hand! Change your hearts and minds, and believe this Good News!"

*The Good News of Salvation!
R. Glory and praise to our Savior Jesus Christ!*