

THE WORD OF GOD

(Sunday Take-home Insert – First Sunday of Lent IRCL)

Collect

Presider: The Lord is with you.

Assembly: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray together:

**God of the desert,
For knowledge of you alone do we ache:
Feed our souls
With words from your mouth;
Strengthen our hearts
With the kiss of your holy breath;
Receive our bodies
As we fall down
In adoration and worship
Of you alone. Amen.**

A period of silence for reflection follows each lesson and the sermon. Allow your attention to drop in and down and rest upon your breath. When distractions arise – such as thoughts and sounds and smells – simply notice and return to the breath.

Hebrew Scriptures

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Reader: A reading from the book of Genesis.

Then Our God took the earth creature and settled it in the garden of Eden so that it might cultivate and care for the land. Our God commanded the earth creature,

“You may eat as much as you like
from any of the trees of the garden –
except the Tree of
the Knowledge of Good and Evil.
You must not eat from that tree,
for on the day you eat from that tree,
that is the day you will die – yes, die.”

Now, the woman and the man were both naked, though they were not ashamed. But the snake was even more naked: the most cunning of all the animals that Our God had made. The snake asked the woman, “Did God really tell you not to eat from the trees in the garden?” The woman answered the snake, “We may eat fruit from all the other trees in the garden. But of the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden, God said, ‘Don’t eat it and don’t touch it, or you will die.’” The snake said to the woman, “Die? You won’t die! God knows well that on the day that you eat it, your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil!” The woman knew that the tree was enticing to the eye,

and now saw that the fruit was good to eat – that it was desirable for the knowledge it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to the man beside her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked. So they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 32: I Turn to You

The Epistle

Romans 5:12-19

Reader: A reading from Paul's letter to the community at Rome.

Therefore, sin entered the world through the first humans, and through sin, death – and in this way death has spread through the whole human race, because all have sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given, even though it's not called "sin" when there is no law. Even so, death reigned over all who lived from our first parents until Moses, even though their sin – unlike that of our first parents – was not a matter of breaking a law. But the gift is not like the offense. For if by the offense of one couple all died, how much more did the grace of God – and the gracious gift of the One Jesus Christ – abound for all! The gift that came to us is not at all like what came through the ones who sinned. In the one case, the sentence followed upon one offense and brought condemnation; in the other, the free gift came after many offenses and brought complete acquittal. If death began its reign through one person because of an offense, so much more will those who receive the overflowing grace and the gift of justice live and reign through the One Jesus Christ. To sum up, then: just as a single offense brought condemnation to all, a single righteous act brought all acquittal and life. Just as through one person's disobedience, all became sinners, so through one person's obedience, all will become just.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn (see hymn board)

We stand as able.

The Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Assembly: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Then Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit, to be tempted by the Devil. After fasting for forty days and forty nights, Jesus was hungry. Then the tempter approached and said, "If you are the Only Begotten, command these stones to turn into bread." Jesus replied, "Scripture has it, 'We live not on bread alone but on every utterance that comes from the

mouth of God.” Next the Devil took Jesus to the Holy City, set him on the parapet of the Temple and said, “If you are the Only Begotten, throw yourself down. Scripture has it, ‘God will tell the angels to take care of you; with their hands they will support you that you may never stumble on a stone.’” Jesus answered, “Scripture also says, ‘Do not put God to the test.’” The Devil then took Jesus up a very high mountain and displayed all the dominions of the world in their magnificence, promising, “All these I will give you if you fall down and worship me.” At this, Jesus said to the Devil, “Away with you, Satan! Scripture says, ‘You will worship the Most High God; God alone will you adore.’” At that the Devil left, and angels came and attended Jesus.

Deacon: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

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WELCOME!

We welcome all visitors and guests this morning. After the service, you are invited to the Great Room on the Lower Level for coffee and conversation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY’S HOSPITALITY AND WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Presider:	Marcia Franz
Preacher:	Larry Shell
Deacon:	Coralie Hambleton
Organist:	Jan Brodersen
First Reader:	Fred Cole
Second Reader:	Diane Feller
Prayers of the People:	Kai Carrigan
Chalice Bearers:	Pat Micklow and Mary Sullivan
Ushers:	Dan Platt and Chet DeFonso
Server:	Faith Cole
Altar Guild:	Jayne McQuaid and Barb Carpenter
Nursery Attendant:	
Coffee Hour Hosts:	Jacquey Shellenbarger and the Randalls
Evening Prayer Officiant:	Vince Reed
Children’s Ministry:	Jim Edwards, Cathy Greer Cole, and Nancy Railey
Eucharistic Visitors:	Marcia Franz to MGH, Kai Carrigan to Betsy Barnwell, and Bob Railey to Bill Mudge

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THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Sunday	10 th	Holy Eucharist: First Week of Lent	10:30am
Tuesday	12 th	Morning Meditation	8:00am
		Group I (meeting at Florence Tuominen's house)	1:30pm
		Executive Committee Meeting	4:00pm
		Inter-Spiritual Dialogue (Healing Arts Center)	7:00pm
Wednesday	13 th	Finance Committee Meeting	12:00pm
		Evening Prayer	5:30pm
		Choir Practice	7:00pm
Thursday	14 th	Morning Meditation	8:00am
Friday	15 th	Ladies Luncheon at the Holiday Inn	11:30am

HAITI MISSION

Burt Purrington will be in Haiti from Feb. 22-March 20 conducting community studies and needs assessments, working with the Lespwa Timoun Children's Nutrition Program and making plans for the upcoming June and November missions from the Diocese. Items that can be donated for him to deliver to needy children and their families include: children's multivitamins, prenatal vitamins, toothbrushes & toothpaste, crosses on chains, ball caps, bandannas, fingernail clippers and pocket knives. They may be deposited in the "Haiti Mission" box in the atrium. Checks may be made out to St. Paul's with a memo: "Laurie's Haiti Fund." Burt thanks you as always for your compassionate and generous support.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

The Food Bank items for February are: Tuna, Delux Macaroni and Cheese (doesn't need milk or butter), and Dehydrated Onion Flakes. As always, other items are welcomed. Monetary donations can be made by writing

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"Food Donation" on the memo line of your check or marking the envelope the same when donating cash - both can be placed in the collection plate on any Sunday. Questions about Hunger Ministry? Call Larry Shell: 250-8214 or e-mail him at larry@shell-family.com

LADIES LUNCHEON

On Friday, February 15th the Ladies Luncheon will be held at the Holiday Inn at 11:30 a.m. Please join us for an informal lunch and bring a guest if you like. Make reservations with Barb Carpenter (226-7571) by Thursday, February 14th at noon. Hope to see you there!

DISCERNING EPISCOPAL MINISTRY

The second Conversation for Discerning Episcopal Ministry in the Diocese of Northern Michigan will be on Sunday February 17, from noon - 2:00 p.m. in the Morgan Chapel. The conversations are the primary means provided by our diocese for parishioners to provide input into the discernment process that has as one of its goals the discernment and election of a bishop for our Diocese. So, please grab your coffee hour snacks and join us for the discussion. Please note the conversation will be the same as on January 24, there is no need to attend both.

SEASON OF LENT: ANNOUNCEMENTS

During the Season of Lent we gather in silence, our souls becoming centered in the abiding presence of God who sets us free. As sounds, thoughts, memories, and plans, inevitably arise and capture our attention; we simply notice and return our attention to God – known in each breath we receive. **In order to support our gathering in silence, we will be making announcements after communion during Lent.**