

# SAINT NICHOLAS CATHOLIC CHURCH – LAUREL, MD

## First Sunday of Lent February 20 - 21, 2021

### Worship Aid

#### **Entrance Antiphon:** Ps 91 (90):15-16

**All:** *When he calls on me, I will answer him;  
I will deliver him and give him glory.  
I will grant him length of days.*

**Cel:** *He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High,  
and abides in the shade of the Almighty, says to the  
Lord, "My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I  
trust!"*

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#### **The Angelus**

**V:** The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary:

**R:** *And she conceived of the Holy Spirit*

**V:** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;  
blessed art thou among women and blessed is the  
fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**R:** *Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now  
and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

**V:** Behold the handmaid of the Lord:

**R:** *Be it done unto me according to Thy word.*

**Hail Mary . . .**

**V:** And the Word was made Flesh (all genuflect)

**R:** *And dwelt among us.*

**Hail Mary . . .**

**V:** Pray for, O Holy Mother of God,

**R:** *That we may be made worthy of the promises of  
Christ.*

#### **Let us pray:**

**All:** Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy  
grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the  
incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known  
by the message of an angel, may by His Passion  
and Cross be brought to the glory of His  
Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord.  
Amen.

#### **Entrance Hymn: Led By the Spirit**

1. Led by the Spirit of our God, we go to fast and  
pray

With Christ into the wilderness; we join His  
paschal way.

""Rend not your garments, rend your hearts, turn  
back your lives to Me.""

Thus says our kind and gracious God, whose reign  
is liberty.

2. Led by the Spirit, we confront temptation face to  
face,

And know full well we must rely on God's  
redeeming grace.

On bread alone we cannot live, but nourished by  
the Word.

We seek the will of God to do: this is our drink and  
food.

#### **Reading 1 Genesis 9:8-15**

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."

**Resp. Psalm**                      **Psalm 25**

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

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;  
teach me your paths,  
Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my savior.

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

Remember that your compassion, O LORD,  
and your love are from of old.  
In your kindness remember me,  
because of your goodness, O LORD.

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

Good and upright is the LORD,  
thus he shows sinners the way.  
He guides the humble to justice,  
and he teaches the humble his way.

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

**Reading 2**                      **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.

**Alleluia**

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!**

One does not live on bread alone,  
But on every word that comes forth from the  
mouth of God. Mt 4:4b

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**Gospel**                              **Mark 1:12-15**

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."

## Profession of Faith

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,

*At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.*

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.

## Offertory

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## Offertory Hymn: From the Depths We Cry to Thee

1. From the depths we cry to thee,  
God of sov'reign majesty!  
Hear our prayers and hymns of praise;  
Bless our Lent of forty days.

2. Gracious God, our hearts renew;  
Strengthen us thy will to do.  
Wash us, make us pure within;  
Cleanse us from the stain of sin.

3. Lord, accept our Lenten fast  
And forgive our sinful past,  
That we may partake with thee  
in the Easter mystery.

## Communion Antiphon: (say as priest drinks from the Chalice)

**All:** *One does not live by bread alone,  
But by every word that comes forth from the mouth of  
God. Mt 4:4*

## Communion Hymn: Fly Like a Bird

Refrain:

Fly, like a bird to the Lord, my soul.  
I want to soar like an eagle.  
Though I may journey far away from home,  
I know I'll never be alone.

1. O God, you know who I am.  
You know my hopes and my dreams.  
In my pondering and fears,  
In my joy and in my tears,  
O God, Your presence is real.  
[Refrain]

2. Where can I run from your love?  
Where can I hide from my God?  
From the dawn of morning's light  
To the darkness of the night,  
O God, Your presence is real.  
[Refrain]

3. When I am down and afraid,  
When I am falling away,  
You extend a gentle hand,  
And I know You understand.  
O God, Your presence is real.  
[Refrain]

**Communion Hymn 2: Remember Your Love**

Refrain:  
Remember Your love and Your faithfulness, O  
Lord.  
Remember Your people and have mercy on us,  
Lord.

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
Whom should I fear?  
The Lord is my life and my refuge;  
When I call God hears.  
[Refrain]

2. If you dwelt, O Lord, upon our sinfulness,  
Then who could stand?  
But with You there is mercy and forgiveness  
And a guiding hand.  
[Refrain]

*Please do not leave church after you receive  
Communion. Instead, you and your family are asked to  
remain in your seats after the blessing and dismissal.  
For everyone's safety, ushers will dismiss the faithful  
one pew at a time. While you wait to be dismissed, take  
the time to thank God for the opportunity to receive his  
Son sacramentally in the Eucharist. Pray for your fellow  
parishioners, particularly those who have been affected  
by COVID-19.*

**Dismissal**

**Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel**

St. Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle.  
Be our defense against the wickedness and snares  
of the Devil.  
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,  
and do thou,  
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,  
by the power of God,

thrust into hell Satan,  
and all the evil spirits,  
who prowl about the world  
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

**Recessional Hymn: Lift High the Cross**

Refrain:  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.  
[Refrain]

2. Each newborn servant of the Crucified  
Bears on the brow the seal of him who died.  
[Refrain]

3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As Thou has promised, draw the world to Thee.  
[Refrain]

4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory!  
[Refrain]

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