

# 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

## YEAR B

Alive through the waters of Baptism.

We die to the world and live to God through the waters of Baptism. We will still be tempted, as Christ was in the wilderness, but if we repent and believe the Gospel we have nothing to fear. The Lord is faithful to those who keep their promises to him.

### OPENING PRAYER

Grant almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**FIRST READING:** The book of Genesis 9:8-15.  
*God's covenant with Noah after he had saved him from the waters of the flood.*

**PSALM:** 25

**RESPONSE:** **Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love  
for those who keep your covenant.**

**SECOND READING:** The first letter of S. Peter 3:18-22.  
*That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now.*

**GOSPEL:** Mark 1:12-15.  
*Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.*

**Preacher:** Father Stephen Eldridge  
Retired Assistant Priest.

## MASS INTENTIONS

The response in the prayers to; With our God: **all things are possible.**

Lord God, we come with all our muddled priorities, and conflicting agendas,  
to be made whole as the Body of Christ;  
to renounce evil so as to be equipped to announce the kingdom of peace.

*Silence*      With our God: **all things are possible.**

Lord God, we come with the world's clamour ringing in our ears, with comfort zones beckoning us,  
but the pain of injustice refusing to be shut out.  
We come for the world's healing, and for an end to all lying and deceit.

*Silence*      With our God: **all things are possible.**

Lord God, we come with the demands of home, family, work and expectations warring in us  
for space and attention. We come on behalf of those too busy or too exhausted to pray;  
that our daily lives may be washed in your peace, ordered in holiness and lit up with your joy.

*Silence*      With our God: **all things are possible.**

Lord God, we come with the needs and sorrows,  
pain and suffering of our brothers and sisters all over the world, who are aching –  
physically, emotionally or spiritually; we come to ask for your comfort and healing love.

We pray in particular for the sick known to us:

Christine	Peter	Enzo	Ezekeiel	Michael	David	Doris
Margaret	Sue	Joan	Guy	Tim	Ray	
Frank	Herta	Nadine	Jean	Simon	Cindy	

We pray for all those who are suffering from the Covid-19 virus, particularly those in our hospitals  
and in intensive care, and ask the Lord that we, our families and our community may be brought  
safely through this pandemic.

*Silence*      With our God: **all things are possible.**

Lord God, we come to realign our lives in the context of your eternity,  
and to commend to your love our own loved ones,  
who have passed through earthly death to the life which has no ending.

In particular we commend to your eternal presence the members of our own families and for all those  
whose anniversary falls at this time, namely:

22<sup>nd</sup> James Davenport, Harry William Ingram.  
23<sup>rd</sup> Owen Parry, Dennis Gilbert Frank Bridges.  
24<sup>th</sup> Sidney Arthur Thomas Sheppard, Hilda Ethel Angle.  
26<sup>th</sup> Alfred William Desmond.  
28<sup>th</sup> Eileen Kier

✦ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord;           **and may light perpetual shine upon them.**  
May they rest in peace;                                   **and rise in glory.**

We bow our heads and remember in silence our own personal intentions and the intentions of those  
who have asked for our prayers.

*Silence*           With our God: **all things are possible.**

We are all reliant on the intercessions and prayers of others.  
Therefore we join our prayers with those of your saints;  
S. Philip and S. James and Mary, the Mother of God, as we say together:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.  
Blessèd art thou amongst women  
and blessèd is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Lord God, we come with thankfulness for the gift of life, and for the call to holiness.  
Give us the grace to respond to your calling.

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**