

## Sunday Covenant Renewal Worship

March 9, 2025

### Prayer for Silent Meditation

We encourage you to use the moments preceding the commencement of holy worship in quiet meditation and preparation. Toward that end we offer the prayer below as food for thought.

Mercifully receive, O Lord, the prayers of your people, that all adversities and errors may be destroyed; and that your people may serve you in quiet freedom, and may you be pleased to give your peace in our times. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.  
*Leonine Sacramentary, mid 5th C*

### \* First Sunday in Lent *Mark 1:9-13*

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*The Book of Common Prayer, 1976*

### \* Apostolic Salutation *\* Congregation Standing*

Minister: *The Lord be with your spirit.*

People: *And grace be with you.*

### \* Call to Worship *Psalm 51, #804*

### \* Hymn O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing, #164

### \* The Law of God *Leviticus 19:23-25*

### Prayer of Confession *Kneel (as able)*

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and listen to our groaning, for we acknowledge our iniquities and lay open our sins before you. Against you, O God, have we sinned. To you we make our confession and implore forgiveness. O Lord, turn your face again upon your servants whom you have redeemed with your own blood. Spare us, we pray you, and vouchsafe pardon to our sins and be pleased to extend to us your loving kindness and mercy. Amen.  
*Mozarabic Liturgy, circa 6th C*

### \* Assurance of Pardon

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.  
*Ephesians 1:7*

Minister: *Herein is the pardon of the Savior.*

People: *Thanks be to You, O Lord.*

### Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

### \* Hymn O Thou That Hear'st When Sinners Cry, #485

### \* Hymn God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory, #122

### \* The Word of God

Old Testament Lesson *Ezekiel 28:11-19*

New Testament Lesson *Revelation 12:7-12*

Minister: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

People: *Thanks be to You, O God.*

### \* Gloria Patri *#735*

### Prayer for the Sermon

Almighty God, we invoke you, the fountain of everlasting light, and entreat you to send forth your truth from the Scriptures into our hearts and to pour upon us the glory of your brightness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Sarum Breviary, late 11th C*

### Sermon

Tree Theology: The Tree of Probation

*Genesis 2:16-17; 3:6*

## Response to the Word of God

### The Lord's Supper

Instruction on the Supper

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

We thank you, our Father, for that life which you've made known to us by Jesus, your Son, by whom you made all things, and sustain the world. You sent Him to become man for our salvation, ordaining Him to suffer and die. You raised Him up, glorified Him, and have set Him at your right hand. In Him you have promised us the resurrection of the dead. O Lord Almighty, gather your Church from the ends of the earth into your kingdom as grain was once scattered and now has become one loaf. We thank you for the precious blood of Jesus Christ, shed for us, "to proclaim his death." For through Him, glory is to be given to you forever. Amen.

*Adapted from the Apostolic Constitutions, circa 4th C*

### Giving of the Body and Blood of Christ

Minister: *He is risen!*

People: *He is risen, indeed!*

### \* Hymn *Psalm 51D*

### Prayer for Alms and Offerings

### \* We Give Thee But Thine Own *#432*

### \* Our Mutual Confession of Faith

The Westminster Confession of Faith,  
Chapter IV, Of Creation, Section 2, *#851*

### \* Doxology *#731*

### \* Benediction

### \* Threefold Amen *#740*

## Sermon Outline

### Tree Theology: The Tree of Probation

*Genesis 2:16-17; 3:6*

I. The Tree of Probation: As a Test of The Juridicial Nature of God's Image in Man, God Gave Him a Tree of Whose Fruit He Was Forbidden to Eat. *v2:16-17*

II. The Tree of Probation: As a Judgment in The Juridicial Nature of God's Image in Man, Man Ate of the Restricted Tree and Failed His Probation. *v3:6*

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**This is what the LORD says  
Stand at the crossroads and look  
ask for the ancient paths  
ask where the good way is and walk in it  
and you will find rest for your souls**  
*Jeremiah 6:16*

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