



***We acknowledge Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, upholding Scripture as the unchanging Word of God. We seek to be led by the Holy Spirit. We will endeavor to live life in fellowship and service in His name and to lead others into a relationship with Him through Biblical teaching and concern for their lives. We will be a community that reflects His teaching and love to the world around us.***

*1st Sunday of Lent 2-14-15*

### **Collect**

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 for ever. *Amen.*

### **Deuteronomy 26: 1-11**

“When you enter the land the LORD your God is giving you as a special possession and you have conquered it and settled there, put some of the first produce from each crop you harvest into a basket and bring it to the designated place of worship—the place the LORD your God chooses for his name to be honored. Go to the priest in charge at that time and say to him, ‘With this gift I acknowledge to the LORD your God that I have entered the land he swore to our ancestors he would give us.’ The priest will then take the basket from your hand and set it before the altar of the LORD your God. “You must then say in the presence of the LORD your God, ‘My ancestor Jacob was a wandering Aramean who went to live as a foreigner in Egypt. His family arrived few in number, but in Egypt they became a large and mighty nation. When the Egyptians oppressed and humiliated us by making us their slaves, we cried out to the LORD, the God of our ancestors. He heard our cries and saw our hardship, toil, and oppression. So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a strong hand and powerful arm, with overwhelming terror, and with miraculous signs and wonders. He brought us to this place and gave us this land flowing with milk and honey! And now, O LORD, I have brought you the first portion of the harvest you have given me from the ground.’ Then place the produce before the LORD your God, and bow to the ground in worship before him. Afterward you may go and celebrate because of all the good things the LORD your God has given to you and your household. Remember to include the Levites and the foreigners living among you in the celebration.

**The Word of the Lord**    *Thanks be to God.*

### **Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16**

<sup>1</sup> Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

<sup>2</sup> This I declare about the LORD: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety;  
he is my God, and I trust him.

<sup>9</sup> If you make the LORD your refuge, if you make the Most High your shelter,

<sup>10</sup> no evil will conquer you;  
no plague will come near your home.

<sup>11</sup> For he will order his angels to protect you wherever you go.

<sup>12</sup> They will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.

<sup>13</sup> You will trample upon lions and cobras;  
you will crush fierce lions and serpents under your feet!

<sup>14</sup> The LORD says, "I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name.

<sup>15</sup> When they call on me, I will answer;  
I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue and honor them.

<sup>16</sup> I will reward them with a long life and give them my salvation."

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen*

### **Romans 10:8b-13**

In fact, it says, "The message is very close at hand; it is on your lips and in your heart."—And that message is the very message about faith that we preach: If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved. As the Scriptures tell us, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced." Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him. For "Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved."

**The Word of the Lord**    *Thanks be to God.*

### **Luke 4: 1-13**

**The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke**    *Glory to you, O Lord*

Then Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan River. He was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where he was tempted by the devil for forty days. Jesus ate nothing all that time and became very hungry. Then the devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become a loaf of bread." But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone.'"<sup>1</sup> Then the devil took him up and revealed to him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. "I will give you the glory of these kingdoms and authority over them," the devil said, "because they are mine to give to anyone I please. I will give it all to you if you will worship me." Jesus replied, "The Scriptures say, 'You must worship the LORD your God and serve only him.'"<sup>2</sup> Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say, 'He will order his angels to protect and guard you. And they will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.'"<sup>3</sup> Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the LORD your God.'"<sup>4</sup> When the devil had finished tempting Jesus, he left him until the next opportunity came.

**The Gospel of the Lord**    *Praise to you, O Christ.*