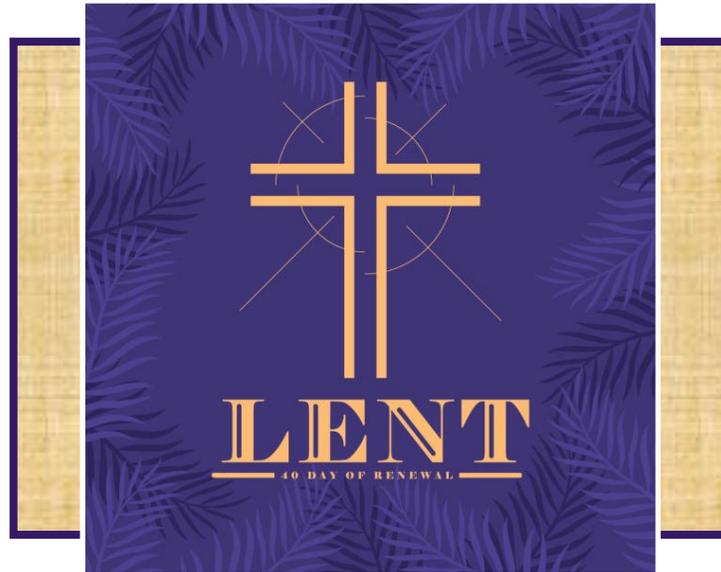


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The First Sunday in Lent
February 22, 2026

The Rev. Susan L. Scranton, Rector
The Rev James Seipel, Assisting
David Aldrete, Choirmaster ~ Pavel Petrov, Organist

Welcome to Grace Parish! We are glad that you have answered God's call to worship, and we are honored that you have chosen to be with us. In addition to the service, we offer childcare for children age 4 and under, and Sunday School for preschool through 5th grade.

Visitors, we would like to meet you! Please take a moment to fill out the "Voice from the Pew" found in the red folders and place it in the offertory plate.

The First Sunday in Lent



Prelude

Pavel Petrov

The Word of God

The Great Litany

BCP p. 148

Collect of the Day

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.**

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

Amelie Palpant

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of
trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;*
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;*
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Stacey Aldrete

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for

the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 152

A la venue de Noel

“Kind Maker of the world”

The Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

The Rev. Susan Scranton

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon _____ The Rev. Susan Scranton

The Nicene Creed _____ BCP p. 358

The Peace

~ Welcome, Announcements and Special Blessings ~

Blessing (Said by all): Watch over thy child, O Lord, as his days increase, bless and guide him wherever he may be. Strengthen him when he stands; comfort him when discouraged or sorrowful; raise him up if he fall; and in his heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem _____ Carl F Mueller

“Create in me a clean heart, O God”
Grace Parish Choir

Presentation Hymn 149 v. 1 _____ *Old 124th*

“Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church”

Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A) _____ BCP p. 361

Sanctus & Benedictus S124 _____ David Hurd

The Lord’s Prayer _____ BCP p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread _____ BCP p. 364

Fraction Anthem (S161) _____ David Hurd

Invitation to Communion _____ BCP p. 364

(All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord’s Table. If you have difficulty coming forward, please notify an usher, and we will be happy to bring Communion to you where you are seated.) Gluten-free wafers are available.

Communion Hymn 143 _____ *Erhalt uns, Herr*

“The glory of these forty days”

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP p. 365

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 150

Aus der Tiefe rufe ich

“Forty days and forty nights”

The Dismissal

BCP p. 366

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Pavel Petrov



*~ Margo Keller Memorial ~
Sunday, March 15 at 2:00 PM*

Please join us for the celebration of life
for our beloved Margo Keller.
There will be a reception after the service in
Baxter Hall. All are welcome.



Grace Episcopal Church Vestry Members 2026

Rev. Susan L. Scranton,
Hannah Palpant - Senior Warden, Miles Bresee - Treasurer,
Todd Rice - Buildings & Grounds,
Kathi Ferris, Heather Moore, Bobbi Patterson,
Lucie Pelleriti, Jade Petteruto, Linda Rice

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Group Meeting - February 22 after the 10 AM service.

Adopt-a-Lunch - February 22 after the 10 AM service in Baxter Hall.



Holy Chow - Come join us for dinner and fellowship meeting on Monday, February 23 at 6:30 at “The Boat” located at Clearman’s Galley, 7215 Rosemead Blvd in San Gabriel.

Vestry Meeting - Wednesday, February 25 at 7:15 PM in the choir room.

Evening Bible Study - If you would like to participate for fellowship and discussion as a Lenten study, please read our upcoming book. “24 Hours that Changed the World” by Adam Hamilton. We will be meeting on Wednesday, March 11 7:00 PM on Zoom for our first discussion group.



Lenten Outreach Project - Grace is collecting items for Hygiene Kits for Union Station Homeless Services in Pasadena. If you would like to contribute to create a kit or donate items, please refer to the list in the narthex. You may also give a monetary donation and we will purchase the items needed. The kits and supplies will be collected Easter Sunday. Please see Laurel McKenzie or Debbie Pullen if you have questions.



If you would like to make an online donation to Grace Episcopal Church, please use the QR code.
Thank you!

Serving today:

Celebrant..... The Rev. Susan Scranton
Lay Eucharistic Minister Miles Bresee
Lectors Amelie Palpant, Stacey Aldrete
Acolyte Mitchell Patterson, David Moore, Morgan Patterson
Choirmaster/Cantor David Aldrete
Organist Pavel Petrov
GEC Stream Team..... Trevor Barcelo, Ethan Seielstad
Flower Guild Nancy Rice, Todd Rice
Altar Guild Dawn Mellon, Debbie Pullen, Janese Grady,
Cathy St. Onge
Hymnboard Manager Trevor Barcelo
Ushers Alex McKenzie, Rob Van Derbur
Vestry Person of the Week Hannah Palpant

Prayer List

For healing and comfort: Edie Noland, Sam Luna, Rick, Lucy, Lindsay, Liz Hernandez, Lisa Taylor, Rosalie Lack, Sharon W., Anita Baker, Pauline Wells, Scott Martin, Frank Boyd, Dick Honaker, David, Derek Anderson, Marie Gillies, Erin Carter, Frank Ortega, Pam Bryant, Jessica Barcera, Freddie Montague, Judy Webster, Vicki Barclay, Marykay Edwards, Corina Wiemer, Gary Kindt, Jayam Rutnam, Elaine, Susan Sherman
For strength & guidance: The Hernandez Family, Mireya Rivera & Family
For those who have died: Suzy Hageman, Margo Keller
For those in mourning: Frank Hageman & Family, Grace Church Family
For safety in travel: Pat Meyer, Jeff and Marshall Meyer
For those serving in the military: Chad Donohoe ~ U.S. Navy, Nelson Acosta ~ U.S. Air Force, Adam Corona Jr. ~ U.S. Air Force, Seth Tradel ~ U.S. Navy, Mitchell Mann ~ USMC

February Birthdays

2 – Jacob Boyd	5 – Douglas Jones	23 - Teresa Wainwright
4 - Ron Anders	14 – Alex McKenzie	25 – Cassy Shields
4 - Samantha Gomez	14 - Karen Huss	26 – Aaron Aldrete