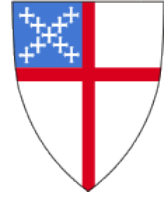


Lessons for February 18th, 2018

First Sunday in Lent



First Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

Hear the Word of God as it is written in Genesis chapter 9 verses 8 to 17.

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Psalm 25:1-9

Let us all stand and read Psalm 25 verses 1 to 9, responsively by verse.

1

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2

Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

4

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my
salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

5

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

6

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

7

Gracious and upright is the LORD; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8

He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.

9

All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Glory be 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.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Hear the Word of God as it is written in First Peter chapter 3 verses 18 to 22.

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good 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 made subject to him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

