

23 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING

Genesis 9.8-15

*I will establish my covenant with you, that never again
shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood.*

A reading from the book of Genesis.

- 8 God said to Noah and to his sons with him,
9 “As for me,
I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you,
10 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.
11 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.”
12 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:
13 I have set my bow in the clouds,
and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.
14 When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds,
15 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.”
The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 25.4-5a, 6+7b, 8-9 (R.10)

- R.** Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth
to those who keep your covenant.
4 Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.
5 Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation. **R.**

- 6 Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
7 According to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord! **R.**
8 Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
9 He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3.18-22

*The waters of the flood prefigured the baptism
which now saves you.*

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

- 18 Christ 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,
19 in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison.
20 In former times these 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.
21 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,
22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God,
with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 4.4

*This verse may accompany the singing of the acclamation.
If the acclamation is not sung, it is omitted.*

*No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.*

GOSPEL

Mark 1.12-15

Jesus was tempted by Satan; and the angels waited on him

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark.

After Jesus was baptized,
12 the Spirit drove him out into the wilderness.
13 He was in the wilderness forty days,
tempted by Satan;
and he was with the wild beasts;
and the angels waited on him.
14 Now after John was arrested,
Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying,
15 “The time is fulfilled,
and the kingdom of God has come near;
repent,
and believe in the good news.”

The gospel of the Lord.