

## Second Sunday before Lent February 4th

### Collect

Almighty God,  
give us reverence for all creation  
and respect for every person,  
that we may mirror your likeness  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Psalm 104:26-37

<sup>26</sup> O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>27</sup> **There is the sea, spread far and wide,  
and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great.**

<sup>28</sup> There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan  
which you have made to play in the deep.

<sup>29</sup> **All of these look to you  
to give them their food in due season.**

<sup>30</sup> When you give it them, they gather it;  
you open your hand and they are filled with good.

<sup>31</sup> **When you hide your face they are troubled;  
when you take away their breath,  
they die and return again to the dust.**

<sup>32</sup> When you send forth your spirit, they are created,  
and you renew the face of the earth.

<sup>33</sup> **May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;  
may the Lord rejoice in his works;**

<sup>34</sup> He looks on the earth and it trembles;  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

<sup>35</sup> **I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will make music to my God while I have my being.**

<sup>36</sup> So shall my song please him  
while I rejoice in the Lord.

<sup>37</sup> **Let sinners be consumed out of the earth  
and the wicked be no more.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
Alleluia.**

### Reading: John 1:1-14

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

<sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

## Sunday next before Lent February 11th

### Collect

Holy God,  
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:  
set straight our crooked hearts,  
and bend our wills to love your goodness

and your glory  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Psalm 50:1-6**

1 The Lord, the most mighty God, has spoken  
and called the world from the rising of the sun to its setting.

2 **Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth;  
our God comes and will not keep silence.**

3 Consuming fire goes out before him  
and a mighty tempest stirs about him.

4 **He calls the heaven above,  
and the earth, that he may judge his people:**

5 'Gather to me my faithful,  
who have sealed my covenant with sacrifice.'

6 **Let the heavens declare his righteousness,  
for God himself is judge.**

**Reading:** Mark 9:2-9

<sup>2</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.'<sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. <sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.