

**LITURGY NOTES FOR THE
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
February 21, 2021**

Noah endured the forty-day devastation of the flood. In a similar way, the Spirit today drives Jesus into the forty-day trial of the desert. Satan conspires to make Jesus compromise his relationship as son to his Father. But Jesus remembers how the flood ends with God's promise: "I will establish my covenant with you." The Father now perfects that promise in the flesh of his own Son, who will "show sinners the way" so the "he might lead you to God." The temptations reveal that Jesus is unshakably certain of his Sonship. Through our trials the Father's care shines. - [*Magnificat*](#)

Entrance Antiphon

When he calls on me, I will answer him, I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

Collect (Opening Prayer)

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Communion Antiphon

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

WEEKLY READINGS

[Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle](#)

1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

[Tuesday of the First Week of Lent](#)

Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

[Wednesday of the First Week of Lent](#)

Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

[Thursday of the First Week of Lent](#)

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

[Friday of the First Week of Lent](#)

Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

[Saturday of the First Week of Lent](#)

Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

[Second Sunday of Lent](#)

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10