

**Lector - Prior to the service please check the service bulletin to confirm the readings and to determine if both the lesson and the epistle will be read. Please ask the celebrant if you have any questions concerning the reading. Thank you.**

Candlelight, 7:30 am SMC; 9:00 am Church; 11:00 am Church

**March 10, 2018**

**The First Sunday in Lent**

## **The First Lesson**

*A Reading from the book of Deuteronomy*

*[Deuteronomy 26:1-11]*

**When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.**

*The Word of the Lord*

**Saturday Candlelight Mass, Sunday 7:30 am SMC, Sunday 5:30 pm SMC.**

The psalm/canticle is read by the lector.

**Sunday 11:00 am Church**

The Psalm is chanted by the choir. Please step from the lectern and wait to the side by the seated priest during the psalm and then return to the lectern for the reading of the Epistle.

**Candlelight**

OMIT "Let us read aloud and together".

Please check with the musicians prior to the service to determine when the refrain will be inserted.

*The portion of the Psalter appointed for today is taken from **Psalm 91***

*Let us read aloud and together:*

*[Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16]*

**He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, \*  
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.**

**He shall say to the LORD,**

**"You are my refuge and my stronghold, \*  
my God in whom I put my trust."**

**Because you have made the LORD your refuge, \*  
and the Most High your habitation,**

**There shall no evil happen to you, \*  
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.**

**For he shall give his angels charge over you, \*  
to keep you in all your ways.**

**They shall bear you in their hands, \*  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

**You shall tread upon the lion and adder; \*  
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.**

**Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; \*  
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.**

**He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; \***

**I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.**

**With long life will I satisfy him, \*  
and show him my salvation.**

## **The Second Lesson**

*A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.*

*[Romans 10:8b-13]*

**"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."**

*The Word of the Lord*