

**Homily — First Sunday of Lent - B, 2018  
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**Can you imagine spending 40 days, alone, in a scorching desert?**

**He was driven there.**

**Tempted by the devil — you begin to see things, hear voices  
with the wild beasts.**

**Angels ministered to him.**

**Story of dinner with widow-friend, five of her adult children and spouses  
two grandchildren.**

**Next thing we know Jesus, is in Galilee after John's arrest,  
proclaiming the Gospel/Good News of God**

**"This is the TIME of fulfillment" Kairsos — don't miss it.**

**The Kingdom of God is at hand. Treasonous words**

**Repent — turn in a new direction.**

**Believe — live like there really is GOOD NEWS.**

**Julian of Norwich**

**All shall be well. All shall be well and all manner of things shall be well.**

**God, being so unimaginable in love and power,**

**is able to draw good out of evil, happiness out of suffering**

**and redemption out of sin in ways that we cannot yet grasp.**

**The God Julian of Norwich experiences**

**cannot be offended,**

**is incapable of anger, holds nothing against anyone**

**no matter what evil he or she may have perpetrated,**

**who is completely relaxed**

**and has a face like a marvelous symphony.**

**The God who makes an unimaginable covenant with Noah**

**despite human treacheries ...**

**The letter to Peter speaks of a bath that results in a clear conscience.**

**Nothing we have done — it's totally God's doing through the love of Christ.**

## **Gospel — Good News**

**Last Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, which coincidentally was also Valentine's Day, became another day of wrenching school violence — 14 high school students and three adults, gunned down in six minutes, that seemed to last an eternity.**

**What does all this have to say about Nikolas Cruz**

**Donald Trump and Hilary Clinton?**

**What does all this say of any of the other 18 people who perpetrated school shootings so far this year?**

**Drawn together around this table of God's unimaginable covenant love.**

**We the baptized are meant to live in that love**

**trust that we are being ministered to by angels.**