

Hymn during Communion *Let the Light of Your Face, Shine on Us.*



Sending Hymn # 526 *God is Our Fortress*

Postlude: *Prelude in C minor, BWV 847 - J. S. Bach*

The Questions of Lent

As Lent begins, this is the perfect week to reflect on the season and what it means in Christian life: an invitation to a 40-day journey of reflection, repentance, and preparation for the great mystery of the empty tomb. Now is the time to change our lives, to embark upon a kind of soulful spring cleaning — and so, as a first step, to examine where we’re placing our trust and mistrust.

These three great questions — wonderful questions for Lent! — animate and govern everything we do: Whom do you trust for your nourishment? Whom do you trust to love and care for you? And whom do you trust with your service? As Matthew tells it, on each of these three fronts, the devil tries to insinuate a wedge between Jesus and the One who, at his baptism, has just declared him to be “my Child, the Beloved” (Matthew 3:17).

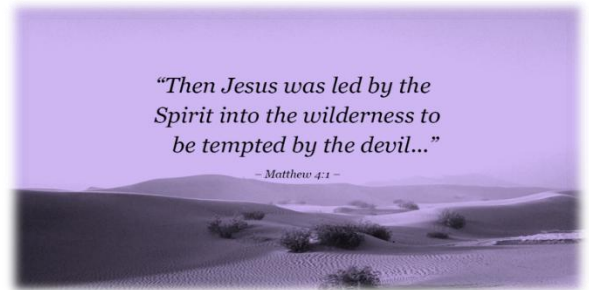
In effect, the devil whispers: *For nourishment, don’t trust God — trust yourself! For love and care — well, really, who can you trust? God? If you believe that, why don’t you jump from this tower, and then we’ll see how many angels come to your rescue! And with your service, don’t trust God — trust me! I’ll give you all the power and glory in the world (God didn’t promise you that!)*...

Accordingly, Jesus’ three responses don’t just debunk the devil’s temptations; they effectively declare the good news of the Gospel: Yes, God loves you, and loves us all! God is the One we are made to trust — with humility and grace — for nourishment, love, and wisdom.

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The First Sunday in Lent



February 22, 2025

Piano Prelude: *Lost Girl - Toby Fox*

Welcome & Territorial Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn # 175 *Forty Days and Forty Nights*

Children’s Message



Collect

**Ever-loving God,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and
prayer, so that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

Reader A reading from the Book of Genesis
(2:15-17 & 3:1-7)

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.” Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to

the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So, when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32



Happy are they whose transgressions / are forgiven,*
and whose sin is / put away!

Happy are they to whom the Lord im-/putes no guilt,*
and in whose spirit there / is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones with-/ered away,*
because of my groaning / all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me / day and night,*
my moisture was dried up as in the / heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my / sin to you,*
and did not con-/ceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions / to the Lord."*
Then you forgave me the guilt / of my sin.

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you
in / time of trouble,*
when the great waters overflow, they / shall not reach them.

You are my hiding-place; you preserve / me from
trouble;*
you surround me with shouts / of deliverance.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that / you
should go;*" **I will guide you / with my eye.**

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no /
understanding;*" **who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will / not stay near you."**

Great are the tribulations / of the wicked;*" **but mercy embraces those who trust / in the Lord.**

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice / in the Lord;*" **shout for joy, all who are / true of heart.**

Gospel Refrain (3x) *Thy Word (Refrain)* Amy Grant
Michael W. Smith



**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light upon my path.**

The Gospel

All stand, as able, for the proclamation of the Gospel.

Deacon The Lord be with you

People And also with you.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Matthew (4:1-11)

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,
The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Preparation Hymn [See Insert]

Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling



*The wine, hosts, and bulletin today are
in Loving Memory of Robert Holloway
from the family.*