

Music Meditation A Lenten Walk Hal Hopson
Jesus walked this lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself;
O nobody else could walk it for him, he had to walk it by himself.
Jesus bore the tempter's cunning, he had to bear the tempter's guile;
O nobody else could bear it for him,
temptation's lures, deceit and wiles.
We must take our cross and follow; we must take it by ourselves;
O nobody else can follow for us, we have to follow by ourselves.

Prayer of Response Rev. Marsh

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

▲ HYMN Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days *Land of Rest*
Lord, who throughout these forty days, for us did fast and pray,
Teach us with you to mourn our sins, and close by you to stay.
As you, with Satan, did contend and did the vict'ry win,
O give us strength in you to fight, in you to conquer sin.
All through these days of penitence, and through your Passiontide,
Forevermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

▲ BENEDICTION Dr. Renwick

▲ POSTLUDE Johannes Brahms

"O World, I Must Leave Thee" Op. 122, No. 11

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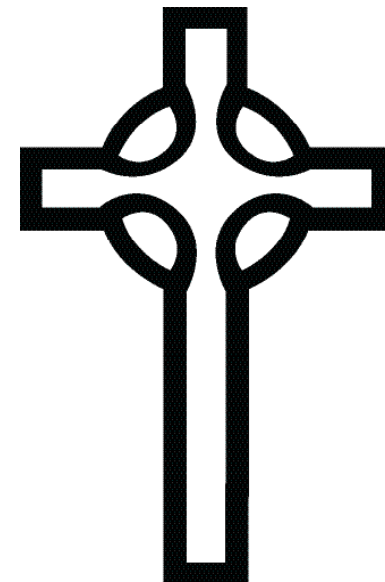
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ASH WEDNESDAY

March 2, 2022



"Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit... was led by the Spirit into the wilderness where he was tested for 40 days."

Luke 4:1-2



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ASH WEDNESDAY

Lenten Worship at the Lord's Table
7:00 PM Sanctuary and Online

PRELUDE "O Man, Mourn Thy Manifold Sins" BWV 622 J.S. Bach
Todd Fickley, organ

WELCOME Dr. David Renwick

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Lisa Larsen

One O Lord, open my lips,

All **And my mouth will declare your praise.**

One You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it.

All **You do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.**

One The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

All **A broken and contrite heart, O God,
you will not despise.**

from Psalm 51

▲ HYMN Near to the Heart of God *McAfee*

There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God,
a place where love and grace attest, near to the heart of God.

Refrain

*O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,
hold us, who wait before thee, near to the heart of God.*

There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God,
a place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God.

Refrain

There is a place of true release, near to the heart of God,
a place where we find joy and peace, near to the heart of God.

Refrain

LENTEN CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison* Dr. Quinn Fox

Most merciful God,
your Son our Savior was tempted in every way,
yet was without sin.

We confess before you our own sinfulness:
we have strayed from your ways in willfulness and pride,
we have doubted your goodness and grace,
we have disobeyed your commands,
we have done what is evil in your sight.

Forgive us we pray, O Lord, and cleanse us from the stain of sin.
Restore in us such trust and love
that we may walk in your path and delight in your will.

SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

▲ LENTEN CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

God's mercies never come to an end.

They are new every morning, new every morning!

Great is thy faithfulness, O Lord, great is thy faithfulness.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 4:1-11 Leslie Saum

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' ⁴But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' '

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying 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."' ⁷ Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' '

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' '

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION Tempted and Tested True Dr. Renwick

RESPONSE *Caithness*

Choir

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heav'nly frame,
A light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!

Congregation

The dearest idols we have known, whate'er those idols be,
Help us to take them from thy throne, and worship only thee.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION Rev. Donna Marsh

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

(marking with ashes offered for those who so desire)