

**Sunday, March 6, 2022**  
**First Sunday in Lent**

**Thought:** You have heard the phrase - “How Long O Lord,” from Psalm 13

<sup>1</sup>How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

<sup>2</sup>How long must I bear pain<sup>al</sup> in my soul,

and have sorrow in my heart all day long?

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

<sup>3</sup>Consider and answer me, O LORD my God!

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,

<sup>4</sup>and my enemy will say, “I have prevailed”;

my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

<sup>5</sup>But I trusted in your steadfast love;

my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

<sup>6</sup>I will sing to the LORD,

because he has dealt bountifully with me.

“Yet I will rejoice in the Lord.” Even though the Psalmist doesn’t have answers for all his questions, and life continues to be difficult. How about our life?

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prayer Concerns**

Shared Together: *God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape. 1 Cor. 10:13*

**Invocation**

P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

## Call to Worship

A: All we like sheep have gone astray.

**C: Lead us not into temptation.**

A: We have turned everyone to his own way.

**C: Lead us not into temptation.**

A: The Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

**C: Deliver us from evil.**

A: But he was wounded for our transgressions.

**C: Deliver us from evil.**

A: He was crushed for our iniquities.

**C: Deliver us from evil.**

A: Upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace.

**C: Deliver us from evil.**

A: And with his stripes we are healed.

**C: Amen.**

Opening Hymn - "The Glory of These Forty Days"

ELW 320

<https://youtu.be/zuFN3wTpZ-s>  
The Glory of These Forty Days

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: “Let anyone who thinks that they stand take heed lest they fall” (1 Corinthians 10:12). We confess to God that we have often fallen into temptation and succumbed to sin.

C: Holy God, we acknowledge our guilt before you. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. When tempted by the evil one, we have desired evil. Our sinful appetites have been attracted to what you forbid. We have submitted to our desires and succumbed to temptation. Forgive our transgression and lead us from temptation.

P: We cry to you for mercy!

C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

*A time of silence, prayer and reflection*

P: Hear the good news! God’s Word declares that “God is faithful” and “he will provide the way of escape” from temptation and sin. In the mercy of Almighty God, his Son Jesus was given to die for you to remove the guilt of your sin. For His sake, your sins are forgiven.

C: Amen.

## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
And also with you.

## Kyrie

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen and Amen.**

**Lenten Response** - "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"      ELW 325

<https://youtu.be/TO1a6yiAdrM>

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me - Fountainview Academy

### **Prayer of the Day**

**A:** Gracious Lord, as we continue our Lenten pilgrimage, we do so in view of your mercy.

**C:** We are surrounded by all kinds of temptations to sin. Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit so that we resist temptation and instead do what pleases you. We pray through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **The Word**

Old Testament reading - Deuteronomy 26:1-11  
*The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand*

<sup>1</sup>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, <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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.”

<sup>9</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>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; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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. **Thanks be to God.**

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

*God will give his angels charge over you.*

<sup>1</sup>You who dwell in the shelter of <sup>1</sup> the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—

<sup>2</sup>**you will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust.”**

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,

<sup>10</sup>**no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

<sup>11</sup>For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup>**Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

<sup>13</sup>You will tread upon the lion <sup>1</sup>cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

<sup>14</sup>**I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

<sup>15</sup>They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

<sup>16</sup>**With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.**

### Epistle reading - Romans 10:8b-13

*If you confess that Jesus is Lord, you will be saved*<sup>fb</sup>

“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);<sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

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

### Holy Gospel - Matthew 4:1-11

<https://youtu.be/xJAml7jaQXI>

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you O Lord.**

*You shall not put the Lord your God to the test*

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted<sup>1a</sup> by the devil.

<sup>2</sup>After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

<sup>4</sup>Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’<sup>1b</sup>”

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. <sup>6</sup>“If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written:

“He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”<sup>7</sup>

Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. <sup>9</sup>“All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’<sup>11</sup>” Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

### Children of God Time

<https://youtu.be/tAid7b0jY6k>

**Homily** - “My refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my Trust”

<https://youtu.be/K6zVZ1V5nJI>

**Hymn of the Day** - “O Lord, throughout These Forty Days” ELW 319

[https://youtu.be/G\\_wSHBwmWIU](https://youtu.be/G_wSHBwmWIU)

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days - OCP Sessions Choir

### Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead,  
on the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### Prayers of Intercession

**P:** Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

**A:** We pray for the church. Sharpen its proclamation of the word so that your people learn to reject voices of deception and distraction. Strengthen all who are tempted to believe lies about themselves or others. Merciful God,

**C:** receive our prayer.

**A:** We pray for the earth and all its creatures. Protect wilderness places and all plant and animal species that call them home. Sustain farmers and all laborers who work the land and harvest the fruits of its abundance. Merciful God,

**C:** receive our prayer.

**A:** We pray for the nations of the world. Awaken elected leaders and government officials to the needs of those who are oppressed and grant them compassion to deal mercifully with immigrants and refugees who reside among us. Merciful God,

**C:** receive our prayer.

**A:** We pray for those in need. Rescue those experiencing mental illness or contending with addiction. Ease the anxiety of those who live with dementia. Command your angels concerning all who are sick (*especially*). Merciful God,

**C:** receive our prayer.

A: We pray for this assembly. Bless those who bake bread and prepare the table for our communion celebration. Accompany those who share the bounty of this meal with those who are homebound or hospitalized. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A: We give thanks for those who have died (*especially*). Gather them with all the saints into your heavenly dwelling place. Encourage us with the promise that all who call upon your name are saved. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

### Offering

#### Offertory Prayer

A: Gracious Father, bend your holy ear. Listen to what our offerings whisper:

**C: "You alone are God," they say.**

A: Accept these humble offerings, and with them accept our confession of faith.

**C: You alone are God! We take our place among your creatures.**

A: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise**

### Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise...

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ  
for the world. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

“Eat This Bread” ELW 472

[https://youtu.be/x\\_QTrePmuLg](https://youtu.be/x_QTrePmuLg)  
Eat This Bread - Chris Brunelle

### Word's of Institution

#### 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 trespasses,

as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

### Distribution

### Communion Music

### Post Communion Blessing – Pastor

### Post Communion Prayer

A: Lord Jesus Christ, as the manna miraculously nourished your wandering children, so, too this gift of life refreshes us.

**C: Teach us to prefer this nourishment. Teach us to hunger for this food. Teach us to follow where the Spirit leads.**

A: You are the Lord forevermore.

**C: Amen.**

### Benediction – Numbers 6

Sending Hymn - “Jesus, Still Lead On” ELW 624

<https://youtu.be/v1165x6qFK8>

Jesus, Still Lead On – William Storm

### Dismissal

A: May God always be our refuge and strength. Even as temptations come our way we go to serve.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude