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Lent 1 Evening Worship with Communion

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7:00 PM

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As we gather. . . In this service for Week 1 of Lent in our *In View of God's Mercy* series, we look at our lives through the lens of God's love toward us in the sacrifice of his Son, Jesus. In this service, we recall that in the midst of temptation, our merciful God provides us with a way out through Christ, who was tempted just as we are, yet without sin.

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 Corinthians 10:13

PRELUDE

I Need Thee Every Hour
Justin Streletz, Pianist

NEED, Arr. Franklin Ritter

WELCOME

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

All we like sheep have gone astray.

Lead us not into temptation.

We have turned every one to his own way.

Lead us not into temptation.

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

Deliver us from evil.

But he was wounded for our transgressions.

Deliver us from evil.

He was crushed for our iniquities.

Deliver us from evil.

Upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace.

Deliver us from evil.

And with his stripes we are healed.

Amen.

+ HYMN

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

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OPENING PRAYER

God Most High, thank you for signs of your power and grace, shown to us even in the wilderness. Give us courage to stand firm in your Word in every time of trial and testing, that we may enter the land of your freedom and receive the salvation you so generously give; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God's amazing love is this:

While we were sinners, Christ died for us.

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,

So that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion,

Let us confess our sin before God and one another, praying together. . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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 lusts and succumbed to temptation. Forgive our transgression and lead us from temptation.

We cry to you for mercy!

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

(Please silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, God's mercy is greater.)

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

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Lord, have mercy;

Christ, have mercy;

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(1 Corinthians 10:13)*

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 Christ's sake, God forgives you all your sin and renews a right spirit within you. His mercy endures forever because his love for you is steadfast.

Hearing this good news, know that we are forgiven, and be at peace.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Spirit of all Wisdom,
we desire to be reconciled to your will in our world.
Remove any obstacles before us
that would keep us from understanding your Word.
On this Lenten journey, guide our footsteps
that we might follow the path of Christ to the cross.
Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Deuteronomy 6:4-6 NRSV

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. ⁵You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. ⁶Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 4:1-11 NRSV

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted 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.’”

⁵Then 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.’”

⁷Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

⁸Again, 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.” ¹⁰Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

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

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SILENT MEDITATION

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE *You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord*

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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Instructions: If you haven't already picked up an individual prefilled communion cup as you entered the sanctuary, you are invited to come forward, by way of the center aisle, to receive the elements when an usher indicates. Gluten-free prefilled communion cups are located in the center of the tray. Please take the elements back to your seat by way of the outside aisles.

Please hold the elements until all are served. When directed by the Pastor, open the bread portion of the cup and partake. Then, when directed, carefully open the juice portion of the cup and partake. Please assist children and other members of your family who may have trouble opening the prefilled communion cups. Please hold onto your trash until you exit the sanctuary and dispose of your used cups in the provided waste receptacles.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise. . .

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(spoken)*

. . . 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Music during Communion *We Gather Here in Jesus' Name*

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the living bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

+ SENDING HYMN

Bless the Lord

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Note: This refrain based on Psalm 103:1 comes from the Taizé Community and is meant for repeated singing. To “bless God’s holy name” (which could not be spoken by observant Jews) is a reminder to be grateful even for what we cannot comprehend, trusting that God’s providence will show us “the path of life” (Psalm 16:11).

+ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Please leave prayerfully and in silence.

+ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Please join us on Wednesday evenings through April 6th for

Wednesday Night Alive Dinner	6:00 PM
Young People’s Choir Rehearsal	6:25 PM
Lenten Worship (<i>Communion on all dates except 3-16-22</i>)	7:00 PM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
Praise Team Rehearsal	8:30 PM

