

THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday 10th March 2019 - Lent 1

Call to Worship:

We have travelled across God's land to join together and worship God in this space;

God is our companion throughout life.

God has given us many gifts and offers us a place to live together, sharing all that God has given us

**We remember when God was with us when we were wandering,
lonely and lost.**

God answers our pleas for guidance, companionship, and provisions with abundance.

God promises to provide for our needs.

**We open our hearts to God's promise and celebrate the giving of
our gifts to God.**

Come, let us worship

SONG: TiS 53

**Come, sing praises to the Lord above,
rock of our salvation, God of love;
with delight into God's presence move,
for the Lord our God is king!**

***God is king above the mountains high
the ocean deep, the land and sky;
mighty continents and islands lie
within the hollow of God's hand.***

**Come to worship him and bow the knee,
praise our shepherd with humility;
humble creatures in his hand are we
sing the praise of God the king!**

***God is king above the mountains high
the ocean deep, the land and sky;
mighty continents and islands lie
within the hollow of God's hand.***

**Hear the story of God's people now,
you with stubborn hearts who will not bow;
learn what happened long ago and how
God can show you who is king.**

God is king ...

**Forty years God kept the prize away,
made them wander till they would obey,
exiled all of them until the day
they would honour God as king.**

God is king ...

Michael Arnold Perry 1942-96

OPENING PRAYER & CONFESSION:

VIDEO CLIP: “The Spider and the Fly” by Mary Howitt

SONG: TiS 591 “Forty days and forty nights’ (Tune 599-Tune 2)

- 1 Forty days and forty nights
you were fasting in the wild,
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled:**
- 2 let us your endurance share
and from earthly greed abstain,
with you watching unto prayer,
with you strong to suffer pain.**

- 3 **And if Satan on us press
flesh or spirit to assail,
Victor in the wilderness,
grant we may not faint nor fail.**
- 4 **Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
ever constant by your side,
that with you we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.**

*George Hunt Smyttan 1822-70 &
Francis Pott 1832-1909 alt.*

BIBLE READINGS:

Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

(Psalm 119:105)

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 *(responsive)*

¹ You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

² **will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust.”**

⁹ Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
the Most High your dwelling place,

¹⁰ **no evil shall befall you,
no scourge come near your tent.**

¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

¹² **On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**

¹³ You will tread on the lion and the adder,
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

¹⁴ **Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.**

¹⁵ When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honour them.

¹⁶ **With long life I will satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

Luke 4:1-13: (NT p.57)

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,'

¹¹ and

'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

¹² Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

AFTER THE READINGS:

For the Gospel of the LORD

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

REFLECTION:

SONG: TiS 655

O, let the Son of God enfold you
with his Spirit and his love;
let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul;
O, let him have the things that hold you
and his Spirit, like a dove,
will descend upon your life and make you whole.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill our lives;
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill our lives.

O come and sing this song with gladness
as your hearts are filled with joy;
lift your hearts in sweet surrender to his name;
O, give him all your tears and sadness,
give him all your years of pain,
and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill our lives;
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill our lives.

John Wimber 1934-97

OFFERING:

NOTICES:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

SONG: "O Lord the Spirit lead you." (Tune TiS 457)

O Lord, the Spirit led you
into the wilderness;
For forty days the devil
would put you to the test.
You fasted! You were famished!
And soon the devil said,
"If you're God's Son, then show it:
just turn this stone to bread."

**Yet, Christ, your way was steady
– as solid as that stone;
You trusted in God’s promise,
and not in bread alone.
Nor would you bow to earn you
a kingdom made of sod,
For everyone must offer
allegiance unto God.**

**High on the temple tower,
you hear the tempter say;
If you think God has power,
then simply step this way!
But you rebuked the devil,
said, “No! and turned around;
When others fell for evil,
you stood on solid ground.**

**You were, in most ways, like us,
and yet you did not sin
We’re grateful you walk with us
as Lenten days begin.
May we, in each decision,
be faithful, strong and sure.
May we, too, have a vision
of things that will endure.**

(Luke 4:1-13)

BENEDICTION:

SONG: TiS 778

**Shalom to you now, shalom my friends.
May God’s full mercies bless you my friends.
In all your living and through your loving;
Christ be your shalom. Christ be your shalom.**

Elise Shoemaker Eslinger 1942–