



**February 21, 2021**

**First Sunday in Lent**

(As the Prelude begins, you are invited to enter a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare to worship God together.)

**The Prelude**

*Prelude on EBENEZER*

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Charles W. Ore

**The Welcome**

**The Greeting**

Leader: Come, let us walk in the light of Christ,  
All: **that he may teach us his ways**  
**and we may walk in his paths.**

**The Opening Prayer**

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
Leader: Let us pray.  
All: **Almighty God,**  
**your blessed Son was led by the Spirit**  
**to be tempted by Satan.**  
**Come quickly to help us**  
**who are assaulted by many temptations.**  
**And, as you know the weakness of each of us,**  
**let each of us find you mighty to save;**  
**through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

**The Hymn No. 2105**

*Jesus, Tempted in the Desert*

EBENEZER

1. Jesus, tempted in the desert,  
lonely, hungry, filled with dread:  
'Use your power,' the tempter tells him;  
'turn these barren rocks to bread!'  
'Not alone by bread,' he answers,  
'can the human heart be filled.  
Only by the Word that calls us  
is our deepest hunger stilled!'
2. Jesus, tempted, at the temple,  
high above its ancient wall:  
'Throw yourself from lofty turret;  
angels wait to break you fall!'  
Jesus shuns such empty marvels,  
feats that fickle crowds request:  
'God, whose grace protects, preserves us,  
we must never vainly test.'

3. Jesus, tempted on the mountain  
by the lure of vast domain:  
'Fall before me! Be my servant!  
Glory, fame, you're sure to gain!  
Jesus sees the dazzling vision,  
turns his eyes another way:  
'God alone deserves our homage!  
God alone will I obey!'

4. When we face temptation's power,  
lonely, struggling, filled with dread,  
Christ, who knew the tempter's hour,  
come and be our living bread.  
By your grace, protect, preserve us  
lest we fall, your trust betray.  
Yours, above all other voices,  
be the Word we hear, obey.

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## The Scripture Lesson

Mark 1:9-15

## The Sermon

*A Clearing in the Wilderness*

Rev. Drew Willson

## The Offertory Prayer

## The Offertory Solo

*Into the Woods My Master Went*

Alec Wyton

Jesus was then led away by the Spirit into the wilderness,  
to be tempted by the Devil.  
For forty days and nights he fasted.

Into the woods my Master went,  
Clean forspent, forspent;  
Into the woods my Master came,  
forspent with love and shame;  
But the olives they were not blind to Him,  
The little gray leaves were kind to him,  
The thorn tree had a mind to Him.  
When into the woods He came.

Out of the woods my Master went,  
And he was well content;  
Out of the woods my Master came,  
Content with death and shame.  
When death and shame would woo Him last,  
From under the trees they drew Him last:  
'Twas on a tree they slew Him, last,  
When out of the woods He came.

Matthew 4:1-2

Sidney Lanier

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## The Prayers of the People

The Silent Prayer

The Pastoral Prayer

## The Lord's Prayer No. 895

**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 that 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. Amen.**

**The Hymn No. 269**

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

LAND OF REST

1. Lord, who throughout these forty days  
for us didst fast and pray,  
teach us with thee to mourn our sins  
and close by thee to stay.
2. As thou with Satan didst contend,  
and didst the victory win,  
O give us strength in thee to fight,  
in thee to conquer sin.
3. As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst,  
so teach us, gracious Lord,  
to die to self, and chiefly live  
by thy most holy word.
4. And through these days of penitence,  
and through thy passiontide,  
yea, evermore in life and death,  
Jesus, with us abide.
5. Abide with us, that so, this life  
of suffering over past,  
an Easter of unending joy  
we may attain at last.

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**The Benediction**

**The Postlude**

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

USA Folk Melody

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***We thank these persons who helped us in worship this morning.***

Senior Pastor:	Rev. Matthew D. Bates
Minister to Young Adults:	Rev. Drew Willson
Director of Music:	Stanley M. Baker
Pianist:	Lee Covington
Singer:	Regan Sprenkle
A/V Team:	Dan Corcoran Jane Covington Glenn Thomsen

# Scripture

## Mark 1:9-15

### The Baptism of Jesus

<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

<sup>10</sup> And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

### The Temptation of Jesus

<sup>12</sup> And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup> He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

### The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

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