



Risen Christ Lutheran Church
1st Sunday in Lent Worship
February 18, 2024 9:30am

**REMEMBER, YOU ARE IN GOD'S SANCTUARY. AS YOU ENTER,
PLEASE SIT QUIETLY, PRAY, AND READ THROUGH YOUR
WORSHIP FOLDER TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP.**



The Temptation in The Wilderness by Briton Riviere c.1898

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ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION – (2nd & 4th Sundays) We believe: that Christ’s body and blood are truly present for forgiveness and spiritual strength, that God desires our sincere confession, continuous seeking and giving forgiveness and, that being genuine in taking Communion so that we not harm ourselves by taking it in an unworthy manner. If you believe the above, are a baptized believer who trusts in the death and resurrection of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins, and have examined yourself, you are welcome to commune with us. Please talk to Pastor if you have any questions. The bread is offered before the “individual” and “common” cups of wine. (Note: White Non-Alcoholic Wine is in the center of the tray.)

OFFERING – Through the offerings of His faithful people, our Lord provides for the ongoing work of His Church. If you are a visitor, we are glad that you came to be served by the Lord this day. If you choose to contribute to the ongoing work of the Gospel, we give thanks that God has moved you to contribute toward the work of sharing the Gospel here in Plymouth and around the world! You can also take advantage of Online Giving by visiting www.RisenChrist.info

A WORD TO OUR GUESTS – Welcome and thank you for coming. Please complete a Worship Card and place it in the offering plate. Pastor will send you a welcome card. Please indicate that you “desire” a call for any further contact.

Large Print Bulletins – Available from an usher.

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Parent Room – A row of seating and plenty of area for standing or walking is available in the Welcome Area/Lobby (“Narthex”)

For Children – Children’s Book Cart for Worship: Available in the Welcome Area.

As We Gather – All human beings share the experience of temptation. We are tempted to distort some good gift of God, such as food, money, or sex, and elevate it to the place of ‘god’ in our lives. We are tempted to say one thing in church and then turn around and do the opposite in action. We are tempted to slowly but surely drift away from God. Temptations abound. God knows this about us. He sent His Son, Jesus, who is not “a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need” (Hebrews 4:15–16). Tempted as we are, Jesus is right there with us, giving us the power of His Spirit to resist. By the grace of God in Jesus, we are given the power to defeat Satan’s temptations with “one little word” as we sing in “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.”

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -
your us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not
fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to
self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of
o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle
of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He
hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's
we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's
child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Opening Psalm *Based on Psalm 25*

P Our trust is in the Lord.

C Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love.

P According to Your steadfast love remember us.

C Good and upright is the Lord.

P All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness.

C Make us to know Your ways, O Lord; teach us Your paths.

Confession and Absolution

Based on Psalm 51:4; Psalm 25; James 1:18

P Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.

C Against You, O Lord, have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight.

P We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

C Against You, O Lord, have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight.

P We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

C Against You, O Lord, have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight.

P We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.

C Against You, O Lord, have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight.

P For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.

C Amen.

P The Lord remembers His mercy and steadfast love. He remembers not our sins and transgressions. Because of Christ's all-atoning sacrifice for us, God forgives all our sins. He brings us forth by this word of truth to be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Introit

Psalm 91:9–13; antiphon: Psalm 91:15–16

P When he calls to Me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.

C With long life I will satisfy him and show him My salvation.

P Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place— the Most High, who is my refuge—

C no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.

P For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

C On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

P You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

**C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P When he calls to Me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. God the Father, You bless Your people with every good gift and You brought us forth to be Your children by the word of truth, so that, resisting temptation and confessing our sins when we fall, we should be a kind of firstfruits of Your creatures; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King

Come Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above,
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.

I was lost in utter darkness 'til You came and rescued me.
I was bound by all my sin when Your love came and set me free.
Now my soul can sing a new song, now my heart has found a home,
Now Your grace is always with me, and I'll never be alone.

***CHORUS: Come Thou Fount, come Thou King,
Come Thou precious Prince of Peace;
Hear Your bride, to You we sing;
Come Thou Fount of our blessing.***

O, to grace, how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be.
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above. ***CHORUS***

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Old Testament Reading

Genesis 22:1–18

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him

from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ¹²He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

¹⁵And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25: 1-10

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

³Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

⁶Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

⁸Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

⁹He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

**¹⁰All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

Epistle

James 1:12-18

¹²Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. ¹³Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Hebrews 12:2; Ephesians 6:11

- P** O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,
C **who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame,**
P and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.
C **Put on the whole armor of God,**
P that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.
C **Amen.**

This I Believe (The Creed)

1. Our Father everlasting
The all creating One
God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Saviour

***CHORUS 1: I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus***

2. Our judge and our defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high ***CHORUS 1***

BRIDGE: I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

***CHORUS 2: I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus
CHORUS 1***

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:9–15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

¹²The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon "Jesus was Tempted, and He Urgently Helps Us When We Are Tempted!"

- 1) The Mother of All Temptations in Genesis.
- 2) Temptation feels wrong, but it is not sin.
- 3) Jesus led into the wilderness.
 - a) Jesus demonstrates the necessity to prepare for battle!
 - b) With urgency, Jesus is tempted in all ways we are.
 - c) "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin"
 - d) Through Jesus' full temptation, without sinning even once, even though you've failed, Jesus has credited your account with His perfect resistance of all temptation.
- 4) He looked ahead thru time knowing He was doing this for you

When He Was On The Cross

I'm not on an ego trip
I'm nothing on my own
Make mistakes I often slip
Just common flesh
and bones
But I'll prove someday
Just why I say
I'm of a special kind
For when He
was on the cross
I was on His mind

The look of love
was on His face
Thorns were on His head
Blood was on
His scarlet robe
Stained a crimson red
Though His eyes
were on the crowd
He looked ahead in time
And when He was
on the cross
I was on His mind

For He knew me yet He loved me
He whose glory makes the heavens shine
So unworthy of such mercy
Yet when He
was on the cross
I was on His mind

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- 5) Think of your temptations. With urgency, Jesus comes to us with help and hope. You are not alone in your temptations.
- 6) Turn to Jesus when you are tempted.
 - a) Come as you are to Him!
 - b) He hears every word!
- 7) Jesus leads us THROUGH temptation!
- 8) You NEVER need to and should never fight temptation alone!
- 9) "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

His Strength Is Perfect

1. I can do all things
through Christ
Who gives me strength
But sometimes I wonder
What He can do through me
No great success to show
No glory on my own
Yet in my weakness
He is there to let me know

CHORUS:

***His strength is perfect
When our strength is gone
He'll carry us
When we can't carry on
Raised in His power
The weak become strong
His strength is perfect
His strength is perfect***

2. We can only know
The power that He holds
When we truly see
How deep our weakness goes
His strength in us begins
When ours comes to an end
He hears our humble cry
And proves again **CHORUS**

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Prayer of the Church

- P** As God's chosen ones, beloved sons and daughters of God, called to be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures, let us pray for the Church, for the world, and for all people according to their needs. For the Church throughout the world, that during this Lenten season we intensify our repentance, fasting, prayer, and generosity, so that, as God promised Abram long ago, all the world may be blessed through us. Let us pray to the Lord,
C Lord, have mercy.
- P** For people of every language and nation in the world, that all may be delivered from warfare, oppression, and violence, and live in the peace and safety God intends for His creatures. Let us pray to the Lord,
C Lord, have mercy.
- P** For those who serve in the armed forces of our nation, that they may defend the innocent, maintain justice, and establish peace. Comfort and guide the families of those who are deployed far away. By the death and resurrection of Your Son, reconcile us with our enemies that all may bear witness to Your power and peace. Let us pray to the Lord,
C Lord, have mercy.
- P** For those who are sick, facing surgery, or convalescing, that their sickness may be turned to health, and that they may experience the love of God through our care and concern. Let us pray to the Lord,
C Lord, have mercy.

- P** For all who travel, whether for business or pleasure, that their journeys may be safe. Let us pray to the Lord,
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For guests in worship today, that Christ bless their hearing of the Word with faith, understanding, and joy. Let us pray to the Lord,
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the people of this congregation, that amidst the temptation we face daily, we may know the power of Christ, who was tempted in every way as we are, and yet was without sin. Help us to remember that sometimes it takes just one little word to fell the temptations of the evil one. Let us pray to the Lord,
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those who have gone before us in faith and have died, we give thanks. When our days on earth come to a close, bring us to that place of never-ending praise, worship, and thanks to You in heavenly splendor. Let us pray to the Lord,
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Empowered by Jesus to resist every temptation and called to be the first fruits of Your creation, we entrust our prayers to the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

- C** **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.**

Mighty to Save

1. Everyone needs compassion
 A love that's never failing
 Let mercy fall on me
 Everyone needs forgiveness
 The kindness of a Saviour
 The hope of nations

**CHORUS: Saviour he can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave**

2. So take me as you find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Everything i believe in
Now I surrender **Chorus 2x**

BRIDGE: Shine your light and
let the whole world see
We're singing
or the glory of the risen king Jesus **repeat**
CHORUS

Benediction

James 1:12

P Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love Him.

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you;
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

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