



Risen Christ Lutheran Church
First Sunday in Lent Worship
March 9, 2025 9:30am

REMEMBER, YOU ARE IN GOD'S SANCTUARY. AS YOU ENTER HIS SANCTURARY, PLEASE SIT QUIETLY, PRAY, AND READ THROUGH THIS 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 the Lord’s Supper is not symbolic. We believe what Jesus Himself said: that His body and blood are truly present in this, His meal that He instituted 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 and you are a baptized believer who trusts in the death and resurrection of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins, and you have examined yourself, you are welcome to commune with us. Please talk to the Pastor if you have any questions. The bread is offered before the “individual” and “common” cups of wine. (Note: White Grape Juice 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 through your here! You can also take advantage of Online Giving by visiting www.RisenChrist.info

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

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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 – Today’s psalm exudes confidence in God, our refuge in time of trouble. Jesus knew this as He was tempted in the wilderness, though it was Satan who tried to use Scripture to tempt our Lord. When the Israelites would enter the Promised Land, the wilderness would be behind them, a trek through which God had kept them secure in His protection. Their first harvest would be tangible proof. Although we waver in our reliance on God, our God-given faith in Christ assures us victory with Him.

Call to Worship – Revelation Song

Worthy is the, Lamb who was slain
Holy, Holy is He;
Sing a new song to Him who sits on
Heaven’s mercy seat. **2x**

***CHORUS: Holy, Holy, Holy
is the Lord God Almighty
Who was, and is, and is to come
With all creation I sing
praise to the King of Kings***

You are my everything and I will adore You.

Clothed in rainbows of living color,
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;
Blessing and honor,
strength and glory and power be
to You the only wise King. ***CHORUS***

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder,
At the mention of your name;
Jesus your name is power, breath and living water
Such a marvelous mystery Yeah... ***CHORUS***

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Welcome and Announcements

Invocation and Opening Sentences

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** **Amen.**
- P** Today is the Lord's Day, a Sunday *in* Lent, but not part *of* it—a little Easter. Let us rejoice and be glad in it, **C** **in Jesus' name. Amen.**
- P** O Lord, open my lips, **C** **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**
- P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C **make haste to help me, O Lord.**
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.

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!

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 91:2, 5; Deuteronomy 26:10; Luke 4:4, 8; Romans 10:13

- P** Let us make confession to our heavenly Father.
With the psalmist we say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."
- C** **But we confess that we do not always trust that He will protect us from "the terror of the night" and other physical and spiritual harm.**
- P** With the Israelites after their first harvest in the Promised Land, we "bring the first of the fruit" which the Lord has given us.
- C** **But we confess that we often take the blessings around us for granted and fail to thank Him with the best of what He has graciously given us.**
- P** With our Lord Jesus, we respond to temptation, saying, "It is written."
- C** **But we confess that we have not read God's Word diligently enough, nor do we always oppose temptations when they come.**
- P** The Epistle promises that "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Let us therefore confidently go to God, asking His forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

Silence for reflection on the Word of God and for self-examination.

- P** Almighty God, heavenly Father,
- C** **we confess that we are by nature sinful. We have failed to love You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have considered ourselves better than others; we have expected You to bless us in all things. For the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Lord, forgive us, and by the power of Your Holy Spirit cleanse our hearts and minds that we might walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** Christ Jesus, true man and true God, was obedient to His Father in all things and in our place. By His death He destroyed death, and by His rising opened eternal life to all who trust in Him for forgiveness. 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. May God strengthen you in your Lenten journey toward the joys of Easter.
- C** **Amen.**

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.
Almighty God, Your Son was victorious over sin, death, and the devil, from His first temptation to His death on the cross.
- C** **Strengthen our faith so that we may rely on You, our protective refuge, in every time of trial;**
- P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1–11

- L** [Moses said,] “When you come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the Lord your God will choose, to make His name to dwell there. And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our fathers to give us.’ Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the Lord your God. And you shall make response before the Lord your God.”
- I** *A wandering Aramean was my father.*
- II** *And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous.*
- I** *And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor.*
- II** *Then we cried to the Lord, the God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.*
- C** **And the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders.**
- I** *And He brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.*
- II** *And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which You, O Lord, have given me.*
- L** And you shall set it down before the Lord your God and worship before the Lord your God. And you shall rejoice in all the good that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.
- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 91:1–13; antiphon: v. 1

- L** He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
- C** **will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.**
- L** I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”
For He will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.
- C** **He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.**
- L** He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings you will find refuge;
His faithfulness is a shield and buckler.
You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,
nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.
- C** **He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.**

L A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.

C **He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.**

L Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge—no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.

C **He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.**

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

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

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

C **He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.**

Epistle

Romans 10:8b–13

⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse

Ephesians 6:11

P Put on the whole armor of God,

C **that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 4:1–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

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

P Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, He was hungry. The devil said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” And Jesus answered him,

C **“It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’”**

P And the devil took Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to Him, “To You I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If You, then, will worship me, it will all be Yours.” And Jesus answered him,

C **“It is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve.’ ”**

P And he took Him to Jerusalem and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command His angels concerning You, to guard You,' and 'On their hands they will bear You up, lest You strike Your foot against a stone.'" And Jesus answered him,

C "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

P And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Battle Belongs to the Lord

1. In heavenly armor we'll enter the land
The battle belongs to the Lord
No weapon that's fashioned against us will stand
The battle belongs to the Lord

***CHORUS: And we sing glory honor
Power and strength to the Lord
We sing glory honor
Power and strength to the Lord***

2. When the power of darkness
comes in like a flood
The battle belongs to the Lord
He's raised up a standard the pow'r of His blood
The battle belongs to the Lord

3. When your enemy presses in hard do not fear
The battle belongs to the Lord
Take courage my friend your redemption is near
The battle belongs to the Lord

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"Satan's Temptations and Deadly Lies"

1. First Sunday in Lent – Focuses on Jesus and how satan tempted Him in the wilderness.
2. The temptations Jesus faced... and His later sufferings WERE REAL! He fully experienced the hellish horror and pain of everything! Jesus didn't use anything we don't have. He truly persevered through each temptation.
3. Satan's second temptation is incredibly cruel.
 - a. In the beginning all the world was under God and He put Adam and Eve over everything.
 - b. When Adam and Eve fell, they relinquished control over to satan ("...it has been delivered to me."), becoming slaves to sin in satan's kingdom.
 - c. All the evil, sin, pain, ugliness, and cruelty of a world under the influence of satan passed before Jesus... like a parent watching their child be tortured.
 - d. Satan used this to make a deal with Jesus, for Jesus to compromise... "Hey, instead of what you've got planned, this could be so simple. I could turn it over to you... just worship me a second... look at all you'd get... peace now..." etc. etc.
4. The devil made a tactical retreat to regroup, "When the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time." He continued attacking Jesus throughout His three years of ministry.

5. Every time someone wanted to make Jesus an earthly leader and king, they played into satan's schemes... especially the temptation to compromise with satan and skip the whole suffering and dying stuff. It happened to Jesus and still happens to Christians today... skipping the suffering for our faith and dying to self, bearing our crosses... being lured into a cross-less Christianity, which is not Christianity at all.
6. The second temptation of satan as it applies to us... he wants us to compromise with him... to compromise God's Word... which compromises our faith. Satan does not want us to know God's Word.
7. Believing and clinging to lies leads to everlasting damnation. Knowing truth, standing on truth, and sharing the truth in love is eternally crucial.
 - Some examples of important truths that ***are not minor points of faith*** (there are more, but these are a few timely ones to address)
 - o The real presence of God in Communion
 - o Baptism for ***both*** infants and older folks (it's God's promise & work, not ours)
 - o Sexual purity while single and within marriage (which is only between one male and one female) ... any sex outside of marriage (including shacking-up, homosexual sex, etc.) is sin that needs repenting of and is not according to God's design & purpose for natural sex, natural marriage and natural family.
 - o Killing babies before they are born
 - o The necessity of turning away from sin and living in daily repentance
8. Once the Bible is no longer seen as actually being God's Word from cover to cover, or necessary to know well, then any and every doctrinal error will be able to infiltrate the church and there will be no foundation for resisting the lies.
9. satan would want us to believe that unity and peace with others in this world is to be above our unity and peace with God.
10. "Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God." Do not disregard, subordinate, or drop the only offensive weapon we can wield to fight the enemy – God's Word – the Sword of the Spirit.
11. When God's Word is subordinated and made a minor thing in our lives, we are on the way to spiritual suicide.
12. Jesus never compromised. He perfectly persevered through all temptations for us... on our behalf... never compromising with the devil, Jesus stayed His course all the way to Calvary, the cross, the tomb... and rose... all for us. His victories are made ours in our baptism.
13. Clinging to His Word, the Holy Spirit will nourish, encourage, equip us, fight for and with us as we struggle this side of eternity to fight every temptation to compromise the Word of God.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Offering – ONLINE GIVING available at www.RisenChrist.info – Whether you are a visitor or a member, please turn in a **Worship Card** so we may know whom the Lord has served with His Word.

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for ourselves, the Church around the world, and all people in their various needs. Let us pray for all who, like the Israelites, call out to God in their affliction, toil, and oppression.
- C** **Lord, our refuge, remove their tormentors, lift their burdens, and free them from their bonds. Protect and guide all in authority to work for peace and justice across their nations and borders.**
- P** Let us pray for those who fear terror at night or warfare by day; and disease, disaster, or displacement at any time.
- C** **Lord, our refuge, give them courage and peace, health, homes, and happiness. Protect and guide all who serve in local law enforcement and national armed forces, all engaged in health, healing, housing, and disaster response.**
- P** Let us pray for the Church around the world—all who confess Jesus as Lord and believe in His resurrection.
- C** **Lord, our refuge, unite Your Church as their one Lord. Guide and protect clergy and lay leaders so that they may have courage to speak and confidence in Your justification.**

P Let us pray for all who are tempted in their hunger, helplessness, or weakness of faith.

C **Lord, our refuge, give the tempted ways out of their dilemmas. Guide them to study Your Word, and protect them as they grow stronger in faith.**

P Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

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.

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

ALL – We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks

to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him

thanks and praise.

Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

The Peace of the Lord

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
G Amen.

Communion

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

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| <p>1. Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bid me come to Thee
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.</p> <p>2. Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.</p> <p>3. Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fighting and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.</p> | <p>4. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.</p> <p>5. Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.</p> <p>6. Just a I am; Thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come</p> |
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Sing Of Your Great Love

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| <p>1. All that is within me Lord
Will bless Your holy name
I live my life to worship You alone
You brought me out of darkness
And into Your glorious light
Forever I will sing of Your great love
Forever I will sing of Your great love</p> | <p>2. I love to see You glorified
To see You lifted high
I yearn to see all nations bow their knee
It's You alone Lord Jesus
Who can cause the coldest heart
To find Your love and everlasting peace
To find Your love and everlasting peace</p> |
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***CHORUS: Holy holy holy is the Lord
Holy holy holy is the Lord***

BRIDGE: And Your trumpet will sound
And all of heaven will know
That the time has finally come
For the bride to take her place
And we'll hear the angels sing

Closing Prayer

He Reigns

1. It's the song of the redeemed
Rising from the African plain
It's the song of the forgiven
Drowning out the Amazon rain
The song of Asian believers
Filled with God's holy fire
It's every tribe every tongue every nation
A love song born of a grateful choir

***CHORUS: It's all God's children singing
Glory glory hallelujah
He reigns He reigns
It's all God's children singing
Glory glory hallelujah
He reigns (He reigns)***

2. Let it rise above the four winds
Caught up in the heavenly sound
Let praises echo from the towers of cathedrals
To the faithful gathered underground
Of all the songs sung from the dawn of creation
Some were meant to persist
Of all the bells rung from a thousand steeples
None rings truer than this

BRIDGE: And all the powers of darkness
Tremble at what they've just heard
'Cause all the powers of darkness
Can't drown out a single word ***CHORUS***

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Benediction and Dismissal

P The Lord bless you and keep you in the shelter of His wings. The Lord make His face shine on you and protect you from every evil. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you confident peace.

C Amen.

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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