

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

➤ ***Don't be afraid***

Call to Worship

We acknowledge and thank the Coast Salish Peoples – on whose traditional land we meet and worship. We are mindful of the continuing work toward reconciliation that we seek as indigenous and non-indigenous peoples together.

We gather even in unusual ways because we are God's people. Day by day, Sunday by Sunday, we praise the Living God. We are a community of faith sustained in praise, prayer, teaching, song and by our care of one another. Wherever we are today, let us worship God with joy and gratitude.

Prayer

On this day we step boldly – humbly – into God's presence, praying with our suffering Saviour as he taught us to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Sustaining God, we know that peace lies in the heart of darkness – in the wilderness of the soul.

Something prompts us to keep still, to trust and to listen to your voice.

Lead us not into temptation.

Deliver us from evil.

Lord, lead us not into the temptation of self-righteousness. Keep us from the false use of our tongues, or inappropriate silence. Do not let us fall into the temptation of self-righteousness or believing that we are free from sin.

Save us Lord, from destruction – this can't be your will; save us from all that is evil. Grant commitment to that which is nourishing, and help us to be good to our neighbour, as we would have you do to us.

We bring to you, O Lord, the wastelands of our lives, when faith and hope are dust and ashes, when the fruit of the Spirit is not in evidence, when love does not find expression in us.

Help us to follow you into the desert to fast, denying false luxury – refusing the tempting ways of self-indulgence – the way of success at all costs. Jesus, our guide, help us to follow you.

Help us to follow you to heal and restore, to cast away our self-destructive fear.

Holy One, forgive us and help us to follow your path. Amen

Words of Hope

You give us shelter in the wilderness and make for us a home in the wastelands. From you comes the courage to discover that Christ will lead us from temptation and deliver us from evil. You offer daily bread in the desert – in the wasteland of temptation you extend living water. Temptation flees from your light and evil cowers in the shadows. Holy is your name!

➤ *Nothing can trouble*

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Scripture **Luke 11: 1-4**

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."

He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

James 1: 12-18

Blessed is anyone who endures temptation. Such a one has stood the test and will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him. No one, when tempted, should say, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil and he himself tempts no one. But one is tempted by one's own desire, being lured and enticed by it; then, when that desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and that sin, when it is fully grown, gives birth to death.

Do not be deceived, my beloved. Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

2 Thessalonians 3: 1-5

Finally, brothers and sisters, pray for us, so that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be glorified everywhere, just as it is among you, and that we may be rescued from wicked and evil people; for not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one.

And we have confidence in the Lord concerning you, that you are doing and will go on doing the things that we command. May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

Jude 1: 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from falling, and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of his glory with rejoicing, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

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

Message (*sent as a separate file*)

➤ ***What a friend we have in Jesus***

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† Prayer

With great thanks, O God, we recall that you have made us and given us the ability to choose. Teach us, as the disciples were taught, to make faithful decisions. Guide our feet along your paths.

Help us to let go of all that holds us back and keeps us – as individuals and as a community of faith – from giving ourselves completely to you. Hold our hand as we venture forward in your name, O God.

We pray for your church, in all its forms; that we may be prepared to take risks, to speak out for those who have no voice, to dare to follow Christ without counting the cost. Stand close by when things are difficult, O God.

We pray for courage, Lord. Keep us safe from the trials, dangers, and temptations of this life. Keep us from being too afraid to live the abundant life your grace promises us.

Live in our hearts, O God – remind us that we are your beloved children.

Use us to embrace one another as we experience grief or endure illness and pain. Use us to support one another as we suffer depression or discontent. Use us to encourage one another as we continually seek new opportunities for service in your name. Search our hearts, O God, search each one of us.

Continue to shape us, fashion us, weave us – reforming us in your image. We offer ourselves to you. We are your people. Claim us and make us new. We boldly pray in Christ's name. **Amen**

➤ ***O Jesus, I have promised***

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Blessing

Thank our sustaining God for deserts – for places in which we wait – for places of self-discovery. Know that you are led not into temptation but delivered from evil by God's generosity.

May we all have the courage and conviction to love fiercely – to give and receive forgiveness fully – to pray daily – to serve cheerfully – to live simply – and to leave our worries in God's divine hands. Go in peace. **Amen**

➤ ***Praise God from whom all blessings flow***

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