

Worship on March 6, 2022 (CCLI: License Number #3156883)

(Welcoming Elder: Edwin Webster)

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Announcements:

. Welcome! Grace and peace to you all who are worshipping God with us today. This is Sunday, March 6th, 2022. It is the first Sunday of Lent. Lent is the season of remembering the love of God for us that poured out through his one and only Son Jesus Christ on the cross. God showed his love in Jesus' death, in Jesus' victory over the power death, sin, and Satan, and in Jesus' resurrection that brings us Eternal life. Praise the Lord and let us worship him together!

. Rev. Soong will have his office hours on Wednesday mornings. Please let him know if you need to talk to him. Yet, this Wednesday, Soong will visit his pastoral mentor. Other times are available with appointments.

. We will have the Communion during today's service.

. Prayer is unseen, yet powerful. If you have prayer needs, let us know.

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. Ukraine needs our prayers and our resources. If anyone wants to make donation for Ukraine, please do so. This money will go to PWS&D.

. Also, because of Pandemic, we stopped helping our community. Let us start again by collecting food and money to support the Aurora Food Pantry and Food Bank.

. Thank you for your continuing support with your gifts. As we offer our gifts to the Lord, let us give our hearts and our lives to the Lord as well. May God be in the centre of your hearts.

As we come into the presence of our God, let us calm down our hearts and minds, and focus on our Lord.

Responsive Call to Worship

One: We live in the shelter of the Most High,

All: We abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

One: Let us worship God who is our refuge and our strength,

All: For God is the One in whom we trust.

One: The Lord will deliver us from the perils that threaten us.

All: Under God's wings, we will find refuge and not be afraid.

One: So let us praise God, in song and in silence, with thankful hearts!

All: We will worship God with heart, mind, soul and strength, now and always.

Praise song – BOP 57 – You who dwell in the shelter

<u>Vs. 1</u> You who dwell in the shelter of our God, Who abide in this shadow for life, Say to the Lord: “My refuge, my Rock in whom I trust.”	<u>Chorus</u> And I will raise you up on eagle's wings Bear you on the breath of dawn Make you to shine like the sun And hold you in the palm of my hand
<u>Vs. 2</u> The snare of the fowler will never capture you, And famine will bring you no fear Under God's wings your refuge, God's faithfulness your shield	<u>Vs. 4</u> For to God's angels in given a command to guard you in all of your ways Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against stone

Prayer For Adoration and Confession

God of our living and our loving, we rejoice in your grace and mercy which has called creation into being, and makes all life complete. We praise you for Jesus Christ who reveals your loving purposes for all people; in his face we glimpse your love; in his life we see the pattern for our lives. We bless you for the Holy Spirit who guides us and strengthens us, drawing us into the embrace of your tender love. And so we praise you, O God, our eternal, creating father who loves us with motherly care, united with Christ, our savior, and your Holy Spirit, the breath of life, Three in One, now and always.

Almighty and most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in things we have done, and things we have neglected to do. We have held back from giving to protect what we have. We have not trusted in your goodness and relied on the world's empty promises instead. Forgive what we have done and direct who we shall become. Help us to serve you by serving your world with generous spirits.

This time we come to you in prayer that you taught us how to pray: (The Lord's Prayer:)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those

who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Sisters and brothers in Christ at St. Andrew's, Hear and believe the good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone. The new life has come. Know that you are forgiven. So, in Christ, forgive one another.

Praise Song BOP 496 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet

<u>Refrain)</u> Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path	<u>Vs. 1</u> When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, Still, you're there right beside me, And nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end
<u>Vs. 2</u> I will not forget your love for me, And yet my heart forever is wandering Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side, And I will love you to the end.	

Prayer for children and youth

Glorious God, we thank you for this time of prayer for our children and youth. Thank you for. Bringing them to your presence. Come into their hearts and be their God. God is our light. God is our guidance. God shows us the truth. He holds our hands and walks with us. In darkness, God is with us. In trouble times, God comforts us. In happy times, God enjoys with us. The love and grace of God may protect all of our children and youth. Pour out your wisdom upon them and help them grow in your truth. Watch over them all the time. Thank you. In Jesus' precious and powerful name, we pray. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination:

As your word is read, heard, and preached, O God, send your Holy Spirit to aid our understanding and nurture our faith with the Good News we meet in Jesus Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

Scripture: Luke 4:1-13

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.

"This is the word of the Lord / Thanks be to God."

SERMON: The temptation of Jesus

Today's sermon title is "The temptation of Jesus."

This is the first Sunday of Lent. Lent is the time of remembering Jesus's love and sacrifice for the sake of each one of us. Before the Easter Sunday, we specially set apart the time of Lent. During this time, as we focus on the passion of Jesus Christ and the love of Jesus Christ for us, we are adjusting our life to God. We renew our hearts and we return to the Lord our God. The duration of Lent is 40 days excluding Sundays. This is originated from today's scripture. Jesus was tempted for 40 days. We also take special time for Jesus for 40 days.

What do we do in this time of renewing our focus to Jesus?

Many people do some types of fasting. Some fast meat, coffee, Facebook or Instagram, TV, and anything pleases themselves. For this time, people voluntarily give up what they like.

Or, some people write journal, some read the Bible during this time. People try to do something remind themselves God's love and grace.

So, think about how you want to spend this time of Lent.

What stops you to come to God the most? OR what brings you to the presence of God?

In my opinion, this time of lent, I think about the sad reality of human weakness. God's love is unchanging. God's grace is for us every day, all year around. But, we have this special time for our renewal. This is the reminder for us to return to God. Of course it's better than nothing. But, still, if we could keep our focus on God all the time, we wouldn't need this special time.

Yet, I am thankful that we keep this time of Lent. In spite of our weakness and selfishness, God still holds us and guides us through this time.

Today's passage shows that there are three types of temptations in our lives through Jesus' temptation.

One.

Jesus was hungry. The devil asked Jesus to change stone into a loaf of bread. Jesus fasted for 40 days. He was extremely hungry. Satan knew that and tempted with basic human need.

When you do grocery shopping, do you do it after meal or before?

When you are hungry, you buy more. You desire more food.

On the other hand, when you have a meal before grocery shopping, you only buy what you really need. Have you experienced it?

Also, in the Lord's Prayer, which Jesus taught his disciples how to pray, Jesus prays for our daily bread. Why? Because it's our basic need.

When you are starving, can you work well? When you are really really hungry, can you make good decisions? Can you study? Can you be happy? Can you focus well?

NO. We only think about food. That is us. We cannot look upon God if our basic need is not met.

This is why Jesus taught us to pray for our food. That is why the devil tempted Jesus with bread first. Jesus answered, **"One does not live by bread alone."** Jesus teaches us the true value of life. In life and death situation, when we need to make decision, we must not put bread on the top. Bread is important, but it's not all about life.

Second. The devil showed Jesus the glory of kingdoms of the world. **“These are given to me, so I can give it to anyone I please.” “If you worship me, I will give them all to you.”**

Jesus answered, **“Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.”**

Who doesn't like the glory of kingdom? Money, fame, power.
Luxury houses, sport cars, diamonds, golds, private jets, etc.
We all love them. For these, can you worship the devil and give up your faith in God?
Would you choose the devil and all the luxury over Jesus Christ?

This is what Satan asked to Jesus and is asking to US right now.
What are the values we neglect for the sake of our worldly desires?
Honesty? Friendship? Belief?

“Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him,” teaches us the intimacy with God and do his wills. Worship is to be with God, to establish relationship with God, to have intimacy with God.

Imagine your best friend and the best moment you shared together. Can you buy it with money? Can you compare that moment with anything good the world gives us? That precious moment cannot be compared to anything. Jesus is saying, ‘build THAT precious moment with God, and know his heart.’ Know what God wants. Know the plans of God for your life, and live God's way. **Deuteronomy 5:32, “You must therefore be careful to do as the Lord your God has commanded you; you shall not turn to the right or to the left.”**

Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.

Third. The devil quoted the Bible this time. He said Jesus to jump off the pinnacle of the temple and said, **“If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,” and “on their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.”**

The devil used God's word to support what he was saying.
The devil used the truth of God in the distorted way.

This shows that we can misuse the Bible. We are in danger of all kinds of misguidance with the truth of God.

These are from Psalm 91. Listen to this beautiful prayer.

If you say, “The Lord is my refuge,” and you make the Most High your dwelling, no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”

This is the prayer of the assurance of God's protection.

Jesus answered to the devil. **“It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”**

‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test, as you tested him at Massah.’” is from Deuteronomy 6:16. At the place called Massah, when the Israelites were led out from Egyptian slavery, they said, **“Is the Lord among us or not?”**

Eye-witnessing the pillar of cloud and the pillar of fire, they said that. In the presence of God, enjoying all the blessings from him, they said themselves, **“Is the Lord here with us or not?”** God was angry with them. To the devil, for using the prayer of protection in this way, God was raged against him. Pray for the spirit of discernment. God’s truth be with you.

We took a look at the temptations of Jesus. Food, worldly goodness, and misuse of truth. These will come to us. May today’s teaching of the Lord be in your hearts and protect you against all kinds of devil’s temptations.

This is the word of Lord for us today.

The Lord’s Table THIS is time for the Communion at the Lord’s Table.

God is with you! And God is with us all. Open wide your hearts. We open them completely to the Spirit of God. May God’s love nurture your wandering spirits each day. May God’s light sustain your souls each night.

Lent, this is a season of wilderness. The season we grasp to understand the Divine just a little more. This is the time for us to reach inwards to find the self that God sees. This is the chance for us to gaze outwards, caring for the Christ in our midst. In all these, may we experience the goodness of the Lord.

(Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:) ***(Please say BOLD print together)***

L: The Lord be with you. **ALL: And also, with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts. **ALL: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

L: The Lenten roads are long yet full of gifts. The Lenten paths often seem chilly yet warm with the winds of the Spirit. The Spirit of God is the light that leads us in the hushed nights. The Christ is our companion on the journey in the intense sunlight of day. We remember his time in the wilderness. The struggles. The hunger. The peace. Therefore, **we lift our hearts in joyful praises.**

(Sanctus) Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of Your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

L: And as we seek the Divine in our midst, On this journey, we crave the bread of life. On our desert roads, we thirst for the fruit of the vine, the cup of blessings.

Through the story of Jesus Christ, we remember the night before his arrest, The night of serenity, solemnity, and love.

Jesus took in his hands bread from the table. He broke it and blessed it. Eat in remembrance of me, he said.

And after supper, as the night grew long, Jesus took a cup, and filled it with the fruit of the vine. As he blessed it, he spoke aloud to them Take and drink and always remember me.

May the Spirit who traveled with Christ in the wilderness and fills us with the hope of God

surround these elements. May the Spirit speak to us in this season of wilderness becoming our strength on this journey and filling our lives with love.

We proclaim the mystery of faith:

P: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

L: Divine Light of Our Journey, in a spirit of gratitude we give thanks for this time at your Holy Meal. This time at the Table filled us with strength, knowing that as we continue on this Lenten journey, we will find your peace surrounding us.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory are yours, Tender and Mighty God, now and forever.

Breaking of the BREAD and Pouring the WINE – prepare your Bread and Wine

Take, eat, remember, and believe that the precious body of our Lord Jesus Christ was given for the complete forgiveness of all our sins. (BREAD)

“This is the **body** of Christ, broken for you.” (Let us take it)

Take, drink, remember, and believe that the precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ was shed for the complete forgiveness of all our sins. (CUP)

“This is the **blood** of Christ, poured out for you.” (Let us drink it)

Prayer after Communion:

Gracious Father God, you poured out your life for us. You gave up your most precious Son, Jesus, for us. How can this be. How much love is your love for us!

We thank you. This thank you cannot thank enough for you love. In this season of Lent, help us remember you. Help us put you in the centre of our hearts. Help us adjust our focus to you. Help us fix eyes upon you alone. You are the life, you are the power, you are the way, you are our everything. But, many times, we neglect you. We only care for ourselves.

From this Lent, Lord, we want to live in your presence. We want to turn back to you. We want to please you. Help us overcome the temptations in our lives. And help us remember Jesus’s victory over the devil, over the power of death! Praise the Lord and be all glory and honour to you.

We remember Ukraine. Have mercy upon them. They lost their homes. They lost their lives. They lost their opportunities. Protect them in this difficult time. Lord, help them restore their lives. We also pray for the leaders of world. God, fill their hearts with your love. Fill them with your presence. You created the world and said it is good. And you made us the steward. But, what now! We only satisfy our own selfishness. Lead the world leaders in your ways.

We thank you for leading our church. Thank you for loving us. Thank you for your presence upon us whether we are here at church or at our own places and worshipping you online. God, because of this Corona Virus, many things are changed. We developed technologies, so we can worship online too. Help us be in your presence. Help us worship you with our whole hearts. Help us pour out our hearts to you. You are the only hope. Only you are able to give us peace. There are people who lost peace in our congregation whether it’s because of their circumstances, relationships, or health issues. Powerful God, we pray your guidance. We pray your help. We put you our King and Lord. May your will be done in our lives.

In Jesus’ precious and powerful name, we pray. Amen.

Invitation to the offering: This is the time for offering.

We all have something to share. As we present our offering this morning, know that what we share enables the Church to reach out in Jesus' name, meeting needs, offering hope, and working for the justice Jesus proclaimed.

Offering prayer:

Generous God, we thank you for all the goodness we receive in Christ and in creation.
Bless the gifts we offer to share in the work of the kingdom Jesus declared,
and bless our lives so that we may be witnesses to his love and mercy.
Amen

Song for the Journey BOP# 393 I'm not ashamed to own my Lord + At the cross

<u>Vs. 1:</u> I'm not ashamed to own my Lord, or to defend his cause, maintain the glory of his cross, and honour all his laws	<u>Chorus:</u> At the cross, at the cross Where I first saw the light And the burden of my heart rolled away It was there by faith I received my sight, and now I am happy all the day
<u>Vs. 2:</u> Jesus, my Lord! I know his name; his name is all my boast; nor will he put my soul to shame, nor let my hope be lost	<u>Vs. 3:</u> Firm as his throne, his promise stands, and he can well secure What I've committed to his hands, till the decisive hour
<u>Vs. 4:</u> Then will he own my worthless name before his father's face Ad in the new Jerusalem appoint my soul a place	

Now, it is the time for us to be sent to the world. There are temptation in our lives. Big and small. But, know that Jesus is with us. Jesus is holding our hands and walking with us. Be courageous and strong in the Lord.

Benediction: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, And the Love of God, And the intimate fellowship of the Holy Spirit, Be with us all, now and always. Amen.