

tried and failed. He had to be tempted. But it was impossible for Jesus to fail, as God He could not sin. He endured temptation to make our flesh perfect. Satan could not stop himself. He used every temptation that had worked with the people of the world. We, the redeemed, are tied to the temptation of Jesus. First, Satan came to Jesus after His Baptism. We are made perfect in the water and Word and able to resist temptation because of our Baptism. Second the Holy Spirit was with Jesus in the wilderness, to assist, guide and enliven Him, the same is true for us.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

℟ O God of all grace, mercy and peace, by the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead, You declared Him to be Your Son and our Savior. By the faithful testimony of the Apostles You have given us the assurance that our faith stands on a true and certain record. Grant us the witness of Your Holy Spirit, that our hearts will rest in Your truth.

We thank You for the gift of eternal life in Your Son. Preserve and defend us from all assaults on our souls, so that we may hold fast to the profession of our faith. Deliver us from doubt and despair. Save us from vain philosophies and worldly wisdom. Give us Your doctrine, the Spirit of truth and the mind of Christ.

Listen, O Lord, to our prayer and hear us for the sake of Jesus. Forgive our sins. Strengthen our faith. Bring us back when we are forgetful and wayward. Allow us to speak Your Word in the public places and change the hearts of the people who hear Your Word that they would turn from their sinfulness and follow You.

Have compassion on Your church, that we will faithfully preach Your Word and proclaim the Gospel of our risen Savior with courage and diligence in all lands and to all people. For all the schools of this church, the colleges and the seminaries, our Sunday School and education programs we ask that You would send a special measure of Your blessing that all the efforts will bring forth people who walk in the way of Your commands and are obedient to Your will.

Look with compassion on the injured among us. To all who have any need, show Yourself as the Source of all Good and well being. Restore them to their health and well-being that they can return to Your house and with us praise Your Holy name.

Hear us as we bring to You our private petitions. (**Time of silent prayer.**)
All this we pray in the name of Christ our Lord.

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LENT ONE

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When he calls to me, I will | answer him;*
I will be with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and | honor him.
With long life I will satis | fy him*
and show him My sal — vation.

Because you have made the Lord your
| dwelling place,*
the Most High, Who is my — refuge,
no evil shall be allowed to be — fall you,*
no plague come | near your tent.
For He will command His angels
con | cerning you*
to guard you in | all your ways.
On their hands they will | bear you up,*
lest you strike your foot a | gainst a
stone.

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

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

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(Antiphon, Psalm 91:15-16;
Psalm 91:9-13)

Collect of the Day

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

Gradual

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] — Jesus,*
the founder and perfecter | of our faith,
Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despis | ing the shame,*
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

(Hebrews 12:2)

Verse

Put on the whole ar | mor of God*
that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the — devil.

(Ephesians 6:11)

ENTRANCE PRAYER: Gracious Lord, Father of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, we, Your chosen bring to You our sacrifice of prayer and praise. For not rebuking us in Your anger or chastening us in Your wrath, we give You thanks. For hearing our supplications and accepting our prayers, we adore Your Holy name. While we wait for the fulfillment of Your promises regarding Your kingdom, grant Your continual blessing to our nation and the nations of the Earth. Give peace in our time that Your Gospel may have free course and be preached to the edifying of people everywhere. In the wonderful name of Jesus we pray. Amen (So be it, Lord.)

THE SEASON OF LENT IS A DIFFICULT TIME OF JOY AND SADNESS. The forty days of Lent were traditionally used by the early church as days of fasting and preparation. The Sundays of Lent are not counted into the fast, since as Jesus said (Matthew 9:15) the people at a wedding don't fast while the bridegroom is with them; which basically means that the point of fasting is to prepare for the coming of the Lord. On Sunday we consider the Lord to have come, therefore we are to break the fast. This year, we begin at the beginning. As the second and more perfect Adam (man) Jesus shows what immutable humanity can accomplish if we would only believe what we confess, that God is in control of our lives.

THEME OF THE DAY:

Temptation

INTROIT—(Antiphon: Psalm 91:15-16;) Psalm 91:9-13

Psalm 91 was written by David and is an encouragement to take God as our keeper, as our every present help in the time of distress. God will lift us up (by His angels) lest we strike our foot.

COLLECT

The Collect prepares us to hear the wilderness events in our lessons. We ask that Jesus would guide us through the wilderness of this world to the glory of eternal life in Heaven.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Using an account of the temptation of Jesus as the lesson for the First Sunday in Lent is a very old tradition. Using the account of deliverance from Deuteronomy 26 is just as old. These two lessons have been paired to be read to the church for almost as long as there has been a church. In our lesson, Moses instructed the nation on how they were to bring the firstfruits after their arrival in the promised land. This offering was to be accompanied with the words of wonder that told of the Lord's deliverance. All of this is but a picture of the salvation which was to be completed by Jesus, when He won the victory over Satan in the wilderness. What the nation did not accomplish because of their sin Jesus fulfilled for them.

GRADUAL—Hebrews 12:2

Hebrews chapter 12 compares the greater wonder of Heaven to our place here on Earth, and encourages us to look to Jesus.

EPISTLE LESSON—Romans 10:8b-13

By the proclamation of the Gospel, Jesus Christ, the incarnate Word, is brought near to those who hear that proclamation. Jesus, the Word of God is inseparable from the Word the people will confess. Christ came down to the depths of humanity and has been raised from the dead. To obtain this righteousness we accept by faith what has been accomplished for us. We accomplish this faith when we relinquish control then God lives in us.

VERSE—Ephesians 6:11

We do not sing Alleluias during Lent so we use the Verse. This verse reminds us of our stand against Satan. We fail and yet are given credit for the fact that Jesus stood in our place and defeated sin.

GOSPEL LESSON—Luke 4:1-13

Jesus was not caught by surprise. His way was to be the way of the cross. He had to perform all of the tasks which humans had previously