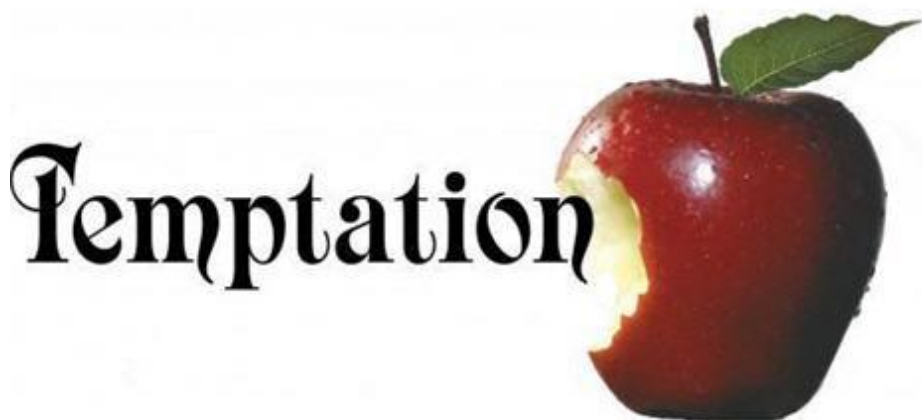


Sermon Series: *The Lord's Prayer*



Temptation

Bellflower UMC

March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent

*ENTRANCE*¹

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**Lead us not into temptation,
hallowed-a be thy name.
But deliver us from evil,
hallowed-a be thy name. (2x)**

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<https://www.pexels.com/photo/cute-multiracial-kids-in-angel-and-devil-costumes-7139724/>

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE²

Matthew 6:9,13

9 “This is how you should pray.

...

13 Keep us from sinning when we are tempted.

Save us from the evil one.’

PSALM

Psalms 103:1-4,8-10³

1 Lord, I call on you; hurry to help me.

Listen to my voice when I call on you.

2 May my prayer be set before you as incense,
the raising of my hands as the evening offering.

3 Lord, set up a guard for my mouth;
keep watch at the door of my lips.

4 Do not let my heart turn to any evil thing
or perform wicked acts with evildoers.

8 But my eyes look to you, Lord, my Lord.
I seek refuge in you; do not let me die.

9 Protect me from the trap they have set for me,
and from the snares of evildoers.

**10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets,
while I pass by safely.**

↑HYMN⁴

398. Jesus Calls Us

3031. God Leads Us Along

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSE

² New International Reader's Version

³ Christian Standard Bible

⁴ ↑ == Please stand in body or spirit, as you are able.

SCRIPTURE Matt 4:1-11⁵

- 1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 After he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 Then the tempter approached him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”
- 4 He answered, “It is written: Man must not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.”
- 5 Then the devil took him to the holy city, had him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written:
- He will give his angels orders concerning you,
and they will support you with their hands
so that you will not strike
your foot against a stone.”
- 7 Jesus told him, “It is also written: Do not test the Lord your God.”
- 8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 9 And he said to him, “I will give you all these things if you will fall down and worship me.”
- 10 Then Jesus told him, “Go away, Satan! For it is written: Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.”
- 11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and began to serve him.

DISCUSSION

⁵ Christian Standard Bible

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

OFFERING & PEACE

DOXOLOGY - #95 

HOLY COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

BLESSING

May God strengthen you in your temptation.

May God protect you from the evils of the world.

May God keep you safe.

Go, announce God's kingdom, power and glory.

Amen

POSTLUDE 

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