

Sermon Series: *The Lord's Prayer*

# Temptation



Mt Vernon UMC

March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent

# ENTRANCE<sup>1</sup>

GREETINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING  #271 v4

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

## PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE<sup>2</sup>

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 103:1-4,8-10<sup>3</sup>

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.**

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<sup>1</sup> Cover art: Monstera Production.

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

<sup>2</sup> New International Reader's Version

<sup>3</sup> Christian Standard Bible

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.**

↑HYMN<sup>4</sup> 

398. Jesus Calls Us

3031. God Leads Us Along

**NOISY OFFERING**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**

**RESPONSE** 

**Hear our prayer, O LORD,  
hear our prayer, O LORD;  
incline thine ear to us,  
and grant us thy peace.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**LORD'S PRAYER**  
Katherine Stout

**SCRIPTURE Matt 4:1-11<sup>5</sup>**

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."

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<sup>4</sup> ↑ == Please stand in body or spirit, as you are able.

<sup>5</sup> Christian Standard Bible

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.

## SERMON

# **THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION**

## **OFFERING & PEACE**

### **DOXOLOGY - #95**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

## **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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## Every Day With Jesus

This year we follow a Bible reading plan called “Every Day With Jesus”. With four short readings each day, by the end of the year, we will have read the entire Bible.



2024-03-17	Numbers 6:1–7:29	Psalms 33:10–17	Proverbs 8:1–3	Mark 11:12–33
2024-03-18	Numbers 7:30–89	Psalms 33:18–22	Proverbs 8:4–5	Mark 12:1–27
2024-03-19	Numbers 8:1–10:10	Psalms 34:1–7	Proverbs 8:6–7	Mark 12:28–44
2024-03-20	Numbers 10:11–11:35	Psalms 34:8–14	Proverbs 8:8–9	Mark 13:1–20
2024-03-21	Numbers 12:1–14:4	Psalms 34:15–22	Proverbs 8:10–13	Mark 13:21–37
2024-03-22	Numbers 14:5–45	Psalms 35:1–10	Proverbs 8:14–17	Mark 14:1–21
2024-03-23	Numbers 15:1–41	Psalms 35:11–16	Proverbs 8:18–19	Mark 14:22–42

## Holy Conferencing Opportunities

Tuesday 8pm	Thursday 9:30am	Thursday 6:30pm
Zoom	Bellflower	Mt Vernon

## Upcoming Ministry & Discipleship Opportunities

Noisy Offering (Feeding Our Kids)	Today!
Maundy Thursday (BF Christian Church)	6pm 3/28
Good Friday Worship (Mt Vernon)	7pm 3/29
Saturday Outdoor Sunset Service (Mt Vernon)	7:30pm, 3/30
Easter Sunrise Service. Sunrise (Mt Vernon)	6am, 3/31
Easter Sunrise Service (Bellflower)	7am, 3/31
Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt (Bellflower)	8am, 3/31
Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt (Mt Vernon)	9am, 3/31
Worship (Bellflower)	9am 3/31
Worship (Mt Vernon)	10:30, 3/31
Helping Hands Donation	4/7
Zoom and Prayer (ask Rob for link)	8pm, Tuesdays
Dinner and Bible	6:30pm, Thursdays

From [feedingourkids.org](http://feedingourkids.org) :

We provide nourishing food to food insecure school children on weekends and school holidays throughout the school year. How we execute that mission takes many hands and a great deal of generosity.

For more information about these and other activities, check your email for *This Week at Mt. Vernon*. If you don't receive *This Week at Mt. Vernon*, please let us know.

God calls Mt Vernon UMC to:

Love God & neighbor as Jesus taught

Learn together of God's love and grace

Serve others by using our God given gifts and talents

Be witnesses of our faith in God through Jesus Christ to all the world!.

To learn more, visit [facebook.com/MtVChamp](https://facebook.com/MtVChamp)

If you would like a prayer, a visit, a meal, to have Holy Communion brought to your home, or have any other need, please contact any church member or Pastor Rob (217-751-4400, [pastor@mtvernon-umc.org](mailto:pastor@mtvernon-umc.org)).