

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Thunder Bay

March 1st, 2020

1st Sunday in Lent

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Bolded passages are to be spoken in unison by the congregation

Minister: Rev. Joyce Yanishewski

We Prepare for Worship

Prelude *Meditation #145* P. Page

Lighting of the Christ Candle – Myrna Anderson

Introit *Softly and tenderly*

Words of Welcome

We Worship God

Call to Worship

*Hymn *Fairest Lord Jesus* 375

Opening Prayer

Jesus of the temptations, you enter the wilderness
of our hungers,
our lust for power,
our eagerness to test God:

be with us on our journey to Jerusalem, we pray.

Jesus of hopes, you set aside your glory,
choosing to cradle us in your scarred hands:

hold us in your tender embrace, we pray.

Jesus of the Feast, you are broken so we might be healed,
you pour out your self so we might be drenched in your grace:

feed us from the simple gifts of creation, we pray.

Silence is kept

Lamb of God: **have mercy.**

Servant to the poor: **have mercy on us.**

Free gift of our righteousness: **have mercy on us.**

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Call to Confession

We are easily seduced by the temptations all around us. But if we are willing to trust God and offer our confessions, God is quick to forgive us and fill us with hope. Join me, as we pray together, saying,

Prayer of Confession

Led by the crafter of lies, Lord God, we wander into the wasteland of wrong-doing. We hunger for more and more, and feel emptier and emptier. We seek power, especially over others, only to do harm. By our choices, we worship the false gods of success, wealth, and spectacle.

Have mercy on us, God of love, and forgive us for the power we give to temptation in our lives. Help us to become as vulnerable as Jesus, for in that vulnerability, we find the humility to trust you in all things; in that trust, we discover the grace which sets us free from the grasp of the shrewd one; in that freedom, we can leave our badlands behind, in order to follow Jesus in this life, and into the next. ©Thom M. Shuman. lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com. March 1, 2020.

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen for God's Word

*Hymn *Forty days and forty nights* 197

Children's Time

Sharing a sign of peace

Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

Community Life Announcements

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings – Pierre Nantais

❖ Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

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❖ Matthew 4:1-11

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The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message – Trust and Provision

We Respond to God's Word

Choir's gift of music *Be Still* David Evans

Offering

Organist's Offering *Siciliana* J.S. Bach
of Music

Doxology *When I survey the wondrous cross*
Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far to small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

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Prayer of Dedication

Lord God, we offer our gifts and our very selves in thanksgiving for all that you provide. Receive all that we can offer you and bless us, so that we become a source of life and mercy for others, in the name of Christ, our strength and our redeemer. Amen

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The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the table

*Hymn *All who hunger, gather gladly* 534

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

May the God of discipleship be with you.

And also with you.

Let us begin our Lenten journey with open hearts.

We offer them to the One who walks with us.

Let our voices resound with thanksgiving to the One who shows us faithful care.

We rejoice in our God of hope and love.

The prayer opens with thanksgiving for creation and For God's mighty acts throughout salvation history.

The people join in the ancient song after these words:

... with companions through this journey today,
we offer glad songs of deliverance.

**Sung: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of 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.**

Prayers of thanksgiving continue for the work of Jesus Christ, his life, death, and resurrection and for the institution of the Lord's Supper. The people are invited to "speak of that free gift called faith:"

**Christ died, going into the wilderness of the grave;
Christ was raised, shattering the grip of sin and death;
Christ will come, so we might follow him to the New Jerusalem.**

Thanksgiving continues for the gift of the Holy Spirit. The presence of the Holy Spirit is invoked followed by a doxology and the people say: Amen.

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.**

Communion

Prayer after Communion

**O God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us,
and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace, that in
everything we may yield ourselves, our wills, and our
works, a continual thank-offering to you, through Jesus
Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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We are Sent out as God's People

*Hymn *O love, how deep, how broad, how high* 205

Benediction

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Postlude *Andante Sostenuto* E. Dicks

