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*ADORATION*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP  
 O Lord, grant that throughout this season of Lent I may enter more deeply into the mystery of Christ and draw upon the power of the Holy Spirit to identify and resist temptation. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Robyn Essler

FROM THE SQUALOR OF A BORROWED STABLE (IMMANUEL)

From the squalor of a borrowed stable,  
 by the Spirit and a virgin's faith;  
 to the anguish and the shame of scandal  
 came the Savior of the human race!  
 But the skies were filled with the praise of heaven,  
 shepherds listen as the angels tell  
 of the Gift of God come down to man  
 at the dawning of Immanuel!

King of heaven now the Friend of sinners,  
 humble servant in the Father's hands,  
 filled with power and the Holy Spirit,  
 filled with mercy for the broken man.  
 Yes, he walked my road and he felt my pain,  
 joys and sorrows that I know so well;  
 yet his righteous steps give me hope again—  
 I will follow my Immanuel!

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Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal  
 he was lifted on a cruel cross;  
 He was punished for a world's transgressions,  
 he was suffering to save the lost.  
 He fights for breath, he fights for me,  
 loosing sinners from the claims of hell;  
 and with a shout our souls are free—  
 death defeated by Immanuel!

Now he's standing in the place of honor  
 crowned with glory on the highest throne,  
 interceding for his own beloved  
 'til his Father calls to bring them home!  
 Then the skies will part as the trumpet sounds  
 hope of heaven or the fear of hell;  
 but the Bride will run to her Lover's arms,  
 giving glory to Immanuel!  
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JESUS MESSIAH

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He became sin who knew no sin;  
 that we might become his righteousness;  
 He humbled himself and carried the cross.  
 Love so amazing, love so amazing,  
 Jesus Messiah; Name above all names.  
 Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.  
 The Rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven:  
 Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.

His body the bread, his blood the wine  
 broken and poured out, all for love.  
 The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn.  
 Love so amazing, love so amazing,  
 Jesus Messiah; Name above all names.  
 Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.  
 The Rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven:  
 Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.

All our hope is in you. All our hope is in you.  
 All the glory to you, God, the Light of the world .

Jesus Messiah, name above all names:  
 Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.  
 The Rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven:  
 Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all  
 Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Jesus Fed All the People

MEET & GREET

## JESUS, TEMPTED IN THE DESERT

Jesus, tempted in the desert,  
lonely, hungry, filled with dread:  
“Use your power,” the tempter tells him;  
“Turn these barren rocks to bread!”  
“Not alone by bread,” he answers,  
“Can the human heart be filled.  
Only by the Word that calls us  
is our deepest hunger stilled!”

Jesus, tempted at the temple,  
high above its ancient wall:  
“Throw yourself from lofty turret;  
angels wait to break your fall!”  
Jesus shuns such empty marvels,  
feats that fickle crowds request:  
“God, whose grace protects, preserves us,  
we must never vainly test.”

Jesus, tempted on the mountain  
by the lure of vast domain:  
“Fall before me! Be my servant!  
Glory, fame, you’re sure to gain!”  
Jesus sees that dazzling vision,  
turns his eyes another way:  
“God alone deserves our homage!  
God alone will I obey!”

When we face temptation’s power,  
lonely struggling, filled with dread,  
Christ who knew the tempter’s hour,  
come and be our living bread.  
By your grace, protect, preserve us  
lest we fall your trust betray.  
Yours, above all other voices,  
be the Word we hear, obey.

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## Confession

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you have given us the great gift of free will.  
It is proof of your love so that we can love you  
willingly.  
Yet it carries great danger. When we turn away  
from you, we choose lesser things to control us.  
These include flashes of emotion, temporary  
pleasures, and shallow happiness.  
We confess we are easily distracted by powers  
stronger than we are but not stronger than you are.  
When we turn toward you, O God, we are  
welcomed by grace, empowered by the Holy  
Spirit, and inspired by eternal truth.  
Help us identify our temptations before they  
ensnare us in sin. Jesus, you have done this;  
please teach us how. Amen.

## SILENT PRAYER

### SUNG RESPONSE

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary:  
Pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Lead me on, Lord, from temptation,  
purify me from within.  
Fill my heart with your Holy Spirit.  
Take away all my sin.

## Thanksgiving & Supplication

### OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 3: 1- 13, ESV

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other  
beast of the field that the Lord God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say,  
‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” And  
the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the  
fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You  
shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the  
midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest  
you die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You  
will not surely die. For God knows that when you  
eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be  
like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the  
woman saw that the tree was good for food, and  
that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree  
was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its  
fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her  
husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the  
eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they  
were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together  
and made themselves loincloths.

And they heard the sound of the Lord God  
walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the  
man and his wife hid themselves from the presence  
of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But  
the Lord God called to the man and said to him,  
“Where are you?” And he said, “I heard the sound  
of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I  
was naked, and I hid myself.”

He said, “Who told you that you were naked?  
Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded  
you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman whom  
you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the  
tree, and I ate.” Then the Lord God said to the  
woman, “What is this that you have done?” The  
woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

GOSPEL READING Luke 4:1-13, ESV

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'" And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." And Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.'"

And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,' and

'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'

And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

EPISTLE READING James 1:13-15

When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

SERMON

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

PERSONAL PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

BY ONE MAN

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**By one man we came to know sin,  
condemned without hope,  
When death entered in.  
But by one man there's freedom again.  
He offered the gift of life.**

**By one man who would not obey,  
our birthright of joy was taken away.  
But by one man we are righteous today.  
He offered the gift of life.**

**And this gift of life is given to all men.  
In the name of Jesus Christ,  
God's grace abounds to all.**

**By one man, called Adam by name,  
our judgment was sealed and covered in shame  
until God's own Son, Lord Jesus;  
he came to offer the gift of life.**

**And this gift of life is given to all men.  
In the name of Jesus Christ,  
God's grace abounds to all.**

**By one man who stood in our place,  
redeeming by blood the whole human race.  
Now we stand forgiven by grace,  
embracing the gift of life.  
He gave us the gift of life. Lord Jesus, the gift of life.**

DEPART WITH BLESSING



We do not "pass the plates" during the 9:30 service. To make a donation to the church, the offering plates are by the doors.

March Stewardship Message  
You can give without loving,  
but you cannot love without giving.  
– Amy Carmichael

Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be. Luke 12:34