

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

The First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025 – 9:00 AM

Holy Eucharist – Contemporary Music



The Temptation of Christ on the Mountain by Buoninsegna, 1310

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Rev. Rodney Roehner

Prelude

We Fall Down (instrumental)

by **Chris Tomlin**

Gather

Rising

by **Matt Redman & Paul Baloche**

Verse 1

We've gathered to worship
Becoming a choir to sing Your praise
Lifting our voices
Joining our hearts in this house today
People of God in the power of God
For the Kingdom of God we sing

Verse 2

We're gathered to go out
To cities and towns
We'll take Your Name into the nations
Shining Your light in the darkest place
People of God in the power of God
For the Kingdom of God we live

Chorus

From the rising of the sun
'til the sun goes down
Let the Name of the Lord be praised
From the rising of the sun
'til the sun goes down
Let the Name of the Lord be praised
From the sky to the depths
From the east to the west
We give You praise, we give You praise

Celebrant ✠ Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures forever.**

The Celebrant continues with the Collect of Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Romans 10:8b-13

“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation

Be Still and Know

arr. by Lee Herrington

Verse 1

Be Still and Know that I am God
Be Still and Know that I am God
Be Still and Know that I am God

Verse 2

The God of Jacob is our rock
The God of Jacob is our rock
The God of Jacob is our rock

Verse 3

In You O Lord I put my trust
In You O Lord I put my trust
In You O Lord I put my trust

Gospel (*standing*)

Luke 4:1-13

✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying 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 protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon (*seated*)

Rev. Rodney Roehner

Faith Song

We Believe in God Almighty

by David Mowbray

Verse 1

We believe in God Almighty
Maker of the earth and sky
All we see and all that's hidden
Is His work unceasingly
God our Father's loving kindness
With us till the day we die
Evermore and evermore

Verse 2

We believe in Christ the Savior
Son of God and Son of Man
Born of Mary preaching healing
Crucified yet risen again
He ascended to the Father
There in glory long to reign
Evermore and evermore

Verse 3

We believe in God the Spirit
Present in our lives today
Speaking through the
prophets' writings
Guiding travelers on their way
To our hearts He brings forgiveness
And the hope of endless joy
Evermore and evermore

The Prayers of the People – Form VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, sickness, or any kind of trouble; especially Betsy, Ava, Laura, Carol, Millie, Jane, Kathleen, Anthony, Steve, Fred, Christy, Tyler, Steve, Caleb, Patti, Virginia, Polly, Daniel, Roger, Erin, Giuliano, Brody, Dave, Sean, Constance, Ethan, Sue, Colleen, Lou, Elaine, Lauren, Lyla, Liam, Michael, Dec, Angelica, Mary Kate, Bob, Linda, Gordon, Mark, Joan, Judi, Jill, and Karen.

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.


For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Daniel our Bishop; for Fr. Rodney and Fr. Dave; and all other ministers; **For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray for our church family and preschool; for all first responders and law enforcement, especially Jamie and Justin; for those who serve our nation in the armed forces, especially Steven, Jonathan, Kyle, Justin, Zack, and their families; for those celebrating their birthdays and wedding anniversaries. We also pray for the protection of persecuted Christians throughout the world, and that all may come to the knowledge and love of Christ. Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; **Who put their trust in you.**

Celebrant Let us also pray for the forgiveness of our sins.

All **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive  you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace *(all stand)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory Hymn

Always

by Tomlin, Glover, Carson, Sojka, Cates

Verse 1

I believe You gave sight to the blind
I believe that the dead came to life
I believe there were wonders and signs
And You're still the same

Verse 2

I believe every word that You said
I believe there are scars in Your hands
That Your goodness is
good without end
And You'll never change

Chorus

I will tell of Your wonders
sing of Your grace
The God of creation
knows me by name
The Lord is faithful yesterday
now and always, always

Your mercy is mighty age after age
All generations will
bow down and praise
The Lord is faithful yesterday
now and always, always

Verse 3

I believe You will come in the clouds
I believe You are here even now
In Your presence I know there is power
Power to save

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Holy Holy Holy

arr. by Geoff Weaver

Holy, Holy, Holy
My heart, my heart adores You
My heart knows how to say to You
You are holy Lord

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. ✠ Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Anthem

We Fall Down

by Chris Tomlin

Verse

We fall down
We lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus
The greatness of mercy and love
At the feet of Jesus

Chorus

And we cry holy holy holy
And we cry holy holy holy
And we cry holy holy holy
is the Lamb

The Celebrant then faces the People while elevating the Sacrament and says

✠ The Gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion Hymn

I Am the Bread of Life

by John Michael Talbot

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Almighty and everliving God,**
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says the following blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Service Hymn *I Have Been Crucified with Christ* **by Steve Merkel, Wes Tuttle**

Verse

I've been crucified with Christ
I've been crucified with Christ
And I no longer live
but Christ lives in me
(repeat)

Chorus

And I live by faith in the Son of God
Who loved me and
gave Himself for me
And I live by faith in the Son of God
Who loved me and
gave Himself for me

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

EVENTS

Tuesday Group Study: Guided to the Cross | The next six meetings of this group will use our Lenten devotional as a guide to discuss how to live our lives for and through Christ. We gather on Zoom at bit.ly/SMEC-Zoom-Gathering, and the schedule is:

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| Tuesday, March 11 – Forgiveness | Tuesday, April 1 – Peace |
| Tuesday, March 18 – Hope | Wednesday , April 9 – Trust |
| Tuesday, March 25 – Love | Tuesday, April 15 - Perseverance |

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Devotional/Weekly Discussion | Lent is a season when we are *Guided to the Cross*. Booklets can be found on the table in the narthex. *As either an enhancement to or an alternative to the daily devotions, consider joining with others to discuss the weekly themes of forgiveness, hope, love, peace, trust and perseverance. See Tuesday Group Study above for dates and Zoom links.*

Fridays | Please join us at **12:00 pm** on Friday for Stations of the Cross, followed by lunch and an educational program. This year's reading material is *Final Words from the Cross* by Adam Hamilton, a well-known Methodist minister. Please help us plan by using the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Outreach, Week 2 | We are partnering with **St. James School** this year for a Lenten Journey of Service! This week, **visit St. James** and volunteer on March 15 between 9:00 – 12:00. **Please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex if you are interested, as St. James has offered to provide transportation!** Opportunities include working with students during their “Go for the Gold Academic Clinic” or other campus service projects.

40 Days with Luke | This year, we will read through the Gospel of Luke over the course of Lent. Each day in Lent, which excludes Sundays, there will be a brief passage that will lead us through the 24 chapters of Luke. The readings for each day can be found on a handout available in the narthex, on our website and Facebook page.

OUTREACH

Horsham Little League Challenger Division | St. Matthew’s participation last year was greatly appreciated, and they could use our help again. The season starts the first week of April (schedule is TBD) and volunteers will need to complete a background check, so time is of the essence. Contact **Trent Coombs** (ntcoombs@gmail.com) for more information or to let him know you are interested.

Little Pantry | Our current needs are: **laundry detergent, tissues, shampoo, soap, deodorant, dish soap, spaghetti sauce (plastic container), cereal, peanut butter, jelly, paper towels and toilet paper.** Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Parish Calendar *for the week of March 9th, 2025*

Tuesday, March 11th	7:30 PM	Tuesday Group: Guided to the Cross <i>on Zoom*</i>
Wednesday, March 12th	12:00 PM	Holy Eucharist <i>in the Sanctuary</i>
	4:00 PM	Handchime Rehearsal <i>in the Sanctuary</i>
Thursday, March 13th	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer <i>on Zoom*</i>
Friday, March 14th	12:00 PM	Lenten Program <i>in the Sanctuary & Parish Hall</i>
Saturday, March 15th	9:30 AM	SCHC Meeting <i>in the Parish Hall</i>
Sunday, March 16th <i>All services are held in the Sanctuary. 9 AM service is also accessible via Livestream.</i>	7:45 AM	Rite I Holy Eucharist
	9:00 AM	Rite II Holy Eucharist with Contemporary Music
	9:00 AM	CGS Sunday School
	9:00 AM	Weaving God’s Promises <i>in the Rector’s office</i>
	10:00 AM	Coffee Hour <i>in the Parish Hall</i>
	10:30 AM	Rite II Choral Eucharist

*Access Zoom meeting links by going to bit.ly/SMEC-Zoom-Gathering