

LENT 1 SUNDAY

March 6, 2022

Organ Prelude: Recit de tierce en taille

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Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

We come to worship, O God, as those who often struggle with how little we control and how vulnerable we often feel.

We struggle with our finances, our health, our jobs, our relationships and living in a world where there is much injustice we feel impotent to help heal and redeem.

We worship you as ground of our being and ground of all being, and yet we also struggle to understand how you can help and heal us and our world.

How may you work within our very vulnerability and sometimes helplessness as human beings, to turn our frustration and despair into seeds of transformation?

Speak to us as we worship you this hour!

***Hymn: Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us**

No. 647

1. Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee,
yet possessing every blessing
if our God our guide shall be.

3. Spirit of our God descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy;
thus provided, pardoned, guided
nothing can our peace destroy.

2. Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary
through the desert thou didst go.

Prayer of Approach, Confession & The Lord's Prayer

**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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Peace of Christ be with you all;
And also with you.

Church School Theme

Special Music: "Fight the good fight"

Harold Rhodes

Scripture Readings: Genesis 3: 1-7; Luke 4: 1-13

Genesis 3: 1-7

3Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' 2The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; 3but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' 4But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; 5for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' 6So 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. 7Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. Amen.

Luke 4: 1-13

4Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, 2where 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. 3The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' 4Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."'

5 Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6And 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. 7If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' 8Jesus answered him, 'It is written,

“Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only God.” ’

9 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, ¹⁰for it is written, “God will command God’s angels concerning you, to protect you”,

¹¹and

“On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.” ’

¹²Jesus answered him, ‘It is said, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.” ’ ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time. Amen.

We are listening, O God;

Speak to us!

Sermon: OVERCOMING OUR VULNERABILITY OR LEARNING FROM IT? Dr. Harris

Special Music: "How can I keep from singing" American folk song arr. R. Walters

Soloists Anna Bateman and Erin Stone

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

***Hymn: God of grace and God of glory**

No. 490

1. God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown the ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of ths hour,
for the facing of ths hour.

3. Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us,
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us,
free our hearts to love and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

4. Set our feet on lofty places;
gird our lives that they may be
armoured with all Christlike graces,
pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
that we fail not them nor thee,
that we fail not them nor thee!

**5. Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.**

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude: Fugue in D minor

J. S. Bach

**Remain seated if you are more comfortable*

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