Lent

"Repent and believe the good news!" Mark 1:15

For forty years the Hebrews wandered,
Fleeing slavery's hold,
God's grace and mercy sadly squandered –
A false "god" made of gold;
And Moses fasted forty days
Upon Mount Sinai where
The Lord spoke from smoke, cloud, and haze
And would the Law declare.

Our Savior braved the wilderness
For forty days and nights
And passed the devil's tempting tests
To show the truth and light.
Preparing for his ministry,
Christ fasted and he prayed,
And though the cross loomed cruelly,
Christ on his mission stayed.

We now have forty days to pause,
To pray and contemplate
God's mercy, grace, and sacred laws
That lift sin's heavy weight.
This is the season to reflect,
To fast, and to repent.
A call from Christ we can't neglect,

