

**Trinity Presbyterian Church
February 26, 2023 A.D.
The First Sunday in Lent**

Rev. Dr. Murray Joseph Thompson - Pastor

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

L: Let us praise God.

P: Let us praise the One who has filled the earth with blessings.

L: We turn to you, O Lord, for joy and peace.

P: For the way out of an often dark world.

L: For justice.

P: For forgiveness and love.

L: We turn to you, O God, for all these things offered through Jesus the Christ, the author of redemption and the pathway of true hope. Therefore, let us praise His name is on this day. Amen.

The Morning Anthem

Call to Confession

L: The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to save sinners. Therefore, let us confess our sins before him on this day.

In Unison: Forgiving God, too often our hearts are cold and without gratitude. Too often our hands are passive and unwilling to carry out acts of mercy. Too often our lips are pursed tightly, unwilling to speak words of love. Too often we are separated and alienated from our better self, separated and alienated from you, O God. Forgive us and guide us in the right path that leads us into the more abundant life. Amen.

Pastor: Those who love me, I will deliver, say the Lord, I will protect those who know my name. When they call me, I will answer them. I will rescue them and

show them my salvation. Salvation that forgives all who believe in me, says the Lord. Amen.

*Our Response ***What a Friend We have in Jesus***

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Sharing Our Faith with Our Children

*Hymn - ***Glorious things of Thee are Spoken #446***

The Morning Scripture Lessons: Psalm 91:1-16
Matthew 4:1-11

Psalm 91

- ¹ Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.^[a]
- ² I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."
- ³ Surely he will save you
from the fowler's snare
and from the deadly pestilence.
- ⁴ He will cover you with his feathers,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.
- ⁵ You will not fear the terror of night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,
⁶ nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,
nor the plague that destroys at midday.
- ⁷ A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.
- ⁸ You will only observe with your eyes
and see the punishment of the wicked.

⁹ If you say, “The LORD is my refuge,”
and you make the Most High your dwelling,
¹⁰ no harm will overtake you,
no disaster will come near your tent.
¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways;
¹² they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.
¹³ You will tread on the lion and the cobra;
you will trample the great lion and the serpent.
¹⁴ “Because he^[b] loves me,” says the LORD, “I will rescue him;
I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.
¹⁵ He will call on me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble,
I will deliver him and honor him.
¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation.”

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness

4 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted^[a] by the devil. ² After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

⁴ Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’^[b]”

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶ “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written:

“He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’^[c]”

⁷ Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’^[d]”

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹ “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”

10 Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'^[e]"

11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Sermon: ***The Real Test of Jesus***

*Hymn - ***Lord, Who throughout these Forty Days #81***

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology (Hymn #592)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Sending forth and Benediction

*Choral response ***God be with You Till We Meet Again***

God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide, uphold you, with His sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet; till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude

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