

Fill us with your Spirit so that we will say no to sin and yes to righteousness. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lead us away from temptation and deliver us from evil. **Lord, grant us your grace both to will and to do what pleases you.**

All these things we pray in the name of Jesus, who triumphed over temptation. All these things we pray in the name of Jesus, who triumphed over temptation. **Amen.**

Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray: **Our Father, who art in heaven....**

BENEDICTION

HYMN 718 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - *“In The Cross Of Christ I Glory”*
Tune: Rathbon; setting by Engel



MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022
7:30 P.M.

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PRELUDE - *“Be Ever Near Me Lord”* arranged by Schriener

HYMN 436 - *we sing, standing*

OPENING VERSICLES

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

All we like sheep have gone astray. **Lead us not into temptation.**

We have turned every one to his own way. **Lead us not into temptation.**

The Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. **Deliver us from evil.**

But he was wounded for our transgressions. **Deliver us from evil.**

He was crushed for our iniquities. **Deliver us from evil.**

Upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace. **Deliver us from evil.**

And with his stripes we are healed. **Amen.**

GREETING, followed by PRAYER

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

Let us pray. **Gracious Lord, as we continue our Lenten pilgrimage, we do so in view of your mercy. We are surrounded by all kinds of temptations to sin. Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit so that we resist temptation and instead do what pleases you. We pray through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(please be seated)

FIRST READING – Deuteronomy 6:4-9

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 10:6-13

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HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 4:1-11 - *all standing*

Before, all shout: Glory to you, O Lord!

After, all shout: Praise to you, O Christ!

HYMN 424 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

ANTHEM - *“Adagio”* by J. S. Bach; arranged by Broughton.

Saxophone soloist, Frank Vasi

PRAYERS

Almighty and merciful God, we approach your throne of grace today as those who are prone to wander into sin because of the temptations of the evil one. **Lord, have mercy.**

When we face the temptations of the devil—who entices us to doubt and deny your true Word—keep our eyes on Jesus who conquered Satan in the wilderness and on the cross. **Lord, have mercy.**

When we face the temptations of the flesh—our sinful appetites and lusts—keep our eyes on Jesus who lived purely as our substitute and Savior. **Lord, have mercy.**

When we face the temptations of the world—our sinful pride and the quest for more possessions—keep our eyes on Jesus who provides for all we need in this life and the life to come. **Lord, have mercy.**

When temptations come alluring, make us patient and enduring. **Lord, have mercy.**

We praise you that you are faithful and that with every temptation you provide a way of escape. **Lord, have mercy.**