

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

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God of perfect holiness, today we recall the temptation of your Son in the wilderness, where he fasted forty days and nights. The devil tried to subvert him in his hunger and isolation, but being your Son, being one with you, he could not be led into sin. We confess today that we are so easily led away. We so easily succumb to the easy path. We so quickly forget your claim upon us, your seal upon us, and we hurt others and break our covenant with you.

Forgive us, we pray. Place in our minds each day the perfect obedience of your Son, and his strength against the temptation of sin. We are, on our own, helpless before the powers of darkness, but your Holy Spirit gives us strength beyond our own. Grant us the ability and willingness to stand firm, to love others when loving them is hard, and to tenaciously cling to you under all circumstances. We pray in the name of the Sinless One. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***GLORY BE TO THE FATHER #581**

“Gloria Patri” (Greatorex)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Please exchange these words with your neighbors: “The peace of the Lord be with you.” “And also with you.”

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS Romans 10:8b-13

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ANTHEM

“Lonesome Valley” (Martin)

***READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

Luke 4:1-13

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A MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON

“In the Wilderness”

***HYMN #167**

“Forty Days and Forty Nights” (vss. 1-4) (Herbst)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Westminster Confession of Faith (1649)

The Son of God, the second Person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance, and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon him man’s nature, with all the essential properties and common infirmities thereof; yet without sin: being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, of her substance. So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF A DEACON

SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

RETURNING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Prayer of Penitence” (Tchaikovsky)

***PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW #606**

(Genevan Psalter)

**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. Amen.**

