

PREPARATION (page 1)

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet did not sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit, that, as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen**

LITURGY OF THE WORD (page 3)

1st reading: Deuteronomy 26:1—11 *(p.194 in pew Bible)*

Psalm 91 **✠: Be with me, O Lord, in trouble**

2nd reading: Romans 10:8b—13 *(p.174 in pew Bible)*

Gradual hymn: **Our Lord, you were sent**

1. Our Lord, you were sent to a place wild and vast
To ponder your mission, to pray and to fast;
Then hungry and weary, you faced night and day
The subtle temptations to turn from God's way.
2. How could it be wrong to want bread on the shelf?
To seek, in one's serving, to first serve one's self?
But by God's own word you remained ever sure:
It's only in God that our lives are secure.
3. How could it be wrong to step out and to dare,
To prove with great drama the depths of God's care?
But you knew God's word, true since all time began:
It's wrong to expect God to work by our plan.
4. How could it be wrong to just once bow the knee,
To shake hands with sin to achieve victory?
Yet you made it clear that no matter the cost:
Your path was obedience, your way was the cross.
5. Our Lord, in your struggle you chose to obey;
God's word filled your heart and you trusted God's way.
Now risen, you save us from sins that destroy;
You give us your Spirit, your peace and your joy.

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Gospel: Luke 4:1—13 *(p.65 in pew Bible)*

Sermon, Creed, Intercessions, Confession, Peace

Offertory hymn 383 **Jesu, lover of my soul** (omit *)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND COMMUNION (Page 12)

Anthem

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God, in this holy bread you increase our faith and hope and love. Lead us in the path of Christ who is your Word of life. We ask this in his name. Amen

Final hymn: 333 **All my hope on God is founded** (omit v. 3)

Blessing and Dismissal

Giving envelopes for the **Bishop's Lent Appeal** are available on the way out of Church. In 2019, we shall be supporting an overseas charity and a local one.



Mercy Ships UK funds the world's largest hospital ship, the Africa Mercy. Staffed entirely by volunteers and funded by donations, it travels to the world's poorest nations to provide free surgeries for patients with no access to healthcare.



Fresh Start Borders was set up in 2008 by the Selkirk Council of Churches. It provides starter packs of household goods and essentials to people moving from homelessness into a permanent tenancy. The need is rising, and the charity, run by local volunteers, relies on grants and fundraising.

More information is on display in the porch.

St. John's **Spring Magazine** is out—collect your copy today!

What's on in March

This year's Churches Together **Lent Course** is from York Courses, with study booklets supported by recorded conversations.