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Worship Service: Sunday 9:30 a.m.

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Hymn # 482
***Come and Journey with a Saviour* (vs 1-4)**

Greeting

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

1st ReadingGenesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the

serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32 *(to be read responsively on alternate verses)*

Blessed is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven, and whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

For while I held my tongue, my bones consumed away through my daily complaining.

For thy hand was heavy upon me day and night, and my moisture was changed as with the drought of summer.

I acknowledged my sin unto thee; and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.

I said, "I will confess my sins unto the Lord"; and so thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.

For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto thee, in a time when thou mayest be found; when the great waters overflow, they shall not come nigh him.

Thou art a place to hide me in; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein thou shalt go; and I will guide thee with mine eye upon thee.

Be ye not like to horse and mule, which have no understanding; whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, else they will not come nigh thee.

Great plagues remain for the ungodly; but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord, mercy embraceth him on every side.

Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.

2nd Reading Romans 5: 12-19

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more

surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Matthew 4: 1-11

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Collect of the Day Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but 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 Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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Offertory Hymn # 385
Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness

Offertory Response
All Things Come of Thee (sung)

Sermon

Lent recalls the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness in preparation for his ministry. The sojourn in the wilderness involved a deep spiritual experience. It is implied that the spirit guided Jesus into the wilderness in a supposed conversation between Satan and Jesus. Our word "devil" is a translation from the Greek "diabolos" which originally meant accuser or slanderer. Whether or not we believe in the person of Satan, we can regard them as the options before Jesus as to the means of carrying out his mission. Even good people with good intentions frequently have to consider such options in an extended and very personal meditative process. The spiritually oriented person may need to pray but the secular person may merely say "I must think about that". In the wilderness Jesus had both the time and opportunity to do both.

The forty days had no great significance other than as a reminder of the forty years the Israelite's wandered in the wilderness under Moses' leadership. That Jesus had some very similar experience in order to make significant choices emphasized the human aspect of his person and the

worldly aspect of his mission. The term "Son of God" and quotation from the Old Testament pointed to the spiritual reality of his struggle placed next to his humanity.

Four of the five scripture quotations are from Deuteronomy. His first quotation is from Deuteronomy 8:3. The first part of the verse referred to hunger as a means of humbling the unfaithful Israelite's and bring them to a deeper consciousness of a divine providence. This provided the opportunity for Jesus to think of himself first and to use his authority as the Son of God to offer the multitudes food for the body instead of spiritual food.

The spirit next takes him to the Holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple. Jesus is challenged to "throw himself down". Technically the temple had no pinnacle so the place of the temple to which Satan transported Jesus must have been the highest point on the temple. Jesus responded "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

The third temptation presented Jesus with a bold choice between worshiping and serving God or another deity. The mountain to which Satan took him symbolizes Mount Sinai, where Moses received the Decalogue. It offered Jesus with the option to use his authority to be the typical triumphant warrior-messiah of Jewish tradition. There is a site on the edge of the Judean wilderness overlooking the Dead Sea near Jericho where Greek Orthodox monks still practice their temptation. The bare rock and burning sun do nothing to commend it as a desirable kingdom. The impostor was offering Jesus a glory he could not produce.

As before, the Deuteronomical law stood as the soul authority for Jesus to follow. The choice did not give him a prescribed plan. He would learn the details of his spiritual path as he went forward in faith. The way would become clear as he walked humbly in the service of God. However we may choose to interpret the temptations, the choices Jesus had to make are also those which we confront in our own moral and spiritual decisions. It is not too much to say that his temptations are also ours.

Sermon Hymn # 620

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

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Prayer for the Clergy and

People

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Prayer for All Conditions of

Mortals p. 14

General Thanksgiving

*(said by all)*p. 14

Prayer of Saint Chrysostom. 15

Prayer for a Renewed Church: Almighty God, give us a new vision of you, of your love, of your grace and power, and then, give us a new vision of what you would have us do as your Church in this nation and at this time, and an awareness that in the strength of your Spirit, we can do it to your glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Grace. 15

Closing Hymn # 438

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Officiant:Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People:Thanks be to God.

Sung Benediction

Howard's Blessing (vs. 1-2)
(found in the back of the blue hymn book)

The Flowers on the Altar today are given to the Glory of God, and in memory of loved ones, a gift of the McPhail, Kimball and Fisher families.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Please send all announcements for the bulletin to Karen by **11:00 a.m. Tuesday** of each week. Call 519-344-9531 or E-mail: canondavis@gmail.com.

If you would like a home visit with Communion or know of someone who would, please let Rev Ray know as he and/or a Lay Visitor will be available in the coming weeks

Please join us for **Coffee Hour** after service for a time of fellowship in the parish hall.

Upcoming Events:

World Day of Prayer service, Friday March 3, at 1:30 p.m. at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church (corner of Russell and Kathleen Streets). All are welcome.

Join us on Wednesday March 15 for Canon Davis' famous Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner. Call 519 344-9531 to reserve your seat. Cost: Adults \$20.00 and take out is available.

Sew Day Returns to Canon Davis on Saturday March 25, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cost \$20.00, lunch included. Bring your projects for a show and tell Sew Day.

Anglican Church Women-Diocese of Huron Annual Meeting and Conference Saturday 29 April 2023 at St. Paul's Cathedral. If you are interested in attending copies of the Registration/Lunch form are at the back of the church. For more information, please see Carol Mercurio for details.
Saturday May 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Church of St. Jude is the Bishop of Huron's Prayer Conference. Please contact Karen for more details.

Reminders

Mar 15 Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner

Mar 22 Parish Council

Mar 25 Sew Day 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 pm