

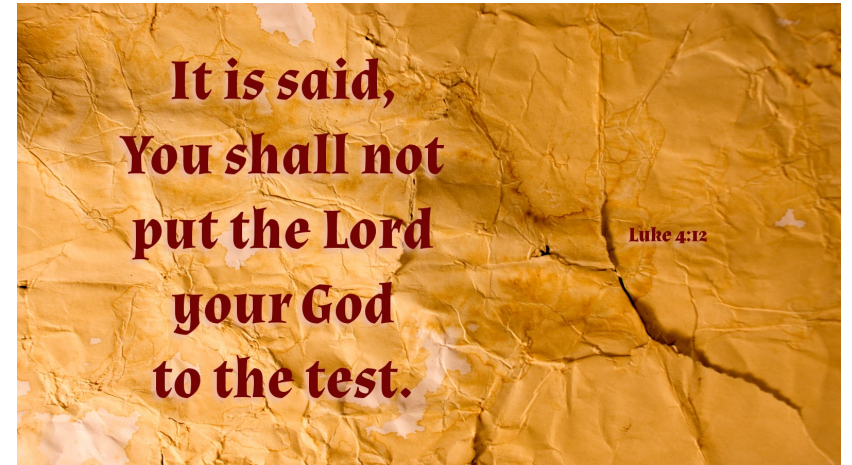
Sending: Lead Me, Lord

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, longing for their Lord,
for God's coming kingdom shall be theirs.
Blessed are the sorrowing, for they shall be consoled,
and the meek shall come to rule the world.

Refrain: Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord,
by the light of truth
to seek and to find the narrow way.
Be my way; be my truth;
be my life, my Lord,
and lead me, Lord, today.

2. Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs,
and the pure in heart shall see their God.
Blest are they whose hunger only holiness can fill,
for I say they shall be satisfied.

3. Blest are they who through their lifetimes
sow the seeds of peace;
all will call them children of the Lord.
Blest are you, though persecuted in your holy life,
for in heaven, great is your reward.



**First Sunday of Lent
March 9, 2025**

Prelude: Into the Desert

Gathering: Christ In Me Arise

Refrain: Christ in me arise and dispel all the darkness.
Christ in me arise with your power and your strength.
Christ in me pour out your blessing and healing.
Christ in me arise and I shall rise with you.

1. Be now my vision; open these eyes,
showing me all that I must see.
Onward to the kingdom, you are the way.
Arise in me and I shall rise with you.
2. Be now my footsteps, leading the way,
taking me where I must go.
Onward to the kingdom, you are the way.
Arise in me and I shall rise with you.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Responsorial Psalm: Be with me, Lord when I am in trouble

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

Instead of the Nicene Creed, during Lent and Easter Time, the baptismal Symbol of the Roman Church, known as the Apostle's Creed, may be used.

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty; from there he will come
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Response to Intercessions: *Unshakeable Lord, hear our prayer*

Offertory/Preparation: Gracious God

1. Lead us, Lord, into the desert;
lead us through the wilderness.
Through this journey we will follow,
for we long to see your face.

2. In this time of sacred struggle,
in this time of sacrifice,
we rejoice, for we remember
that you lead us into life.

Refrain: Gracious God, mercy is your name.
Redeeming Love, you give your life away.
Gracious God, we bless your holy name.
Receiving love, we give our lives away.

3. Lord, we hunger for your presence;
Lord, we're thirsting for your grace.
When consuming all but you, Lord,
all we gain is emptiness.

4. Teach us, Lord: who is our neighbor?
Is it friend, or enemy?
When we welcome or condemn them,
it is you, O let us see.

Communion: Give Us Clean Hands

We bow our hearts, we bend our knees
Oh Spirit come make us humble
We turn our eyes from evil things
Oh Lord we cast down our idols

(Chorus) Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another
Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another

(repeat verse and chorus)

(Bridge) Oh God let us be a generation that seeks
Seeks Your face, oh God of Jacob
Oh God let us be a generation that seeks
Seeks Your face, oh God of Jacob