

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, March 6, 2022, 10:30 a.m.

First Sunday in Lent
Communion Sunday

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "The Wild Rover" (Luke Kelly)

Opening Sentences

Hymn 248: "How Firm a Foundation"

Opening Prayer

Special Music: "You Raise Me Up" (Brendan Graham and Rolf Løvland)

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts

Doxology

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."'

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."'

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Sermon: "THE DEVIL MADE ME DO IT!"

Observance of Holy Communion

Hymn 173: "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

Benediction

Benediction Response 38 (brown) (v. 2): "Take the Name of Jesus With You"

Take the name of Jesus ever, as a shield from ev'ry snare; if temptations round you gather, breathe that holy name in pray'r. Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heav'n; precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heav'n.

Greet One Another

Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barb and Jerry Fuller,
Marsha Hacker, Sally Potter, Lorraine Finison

COMMUNION RITUAL

CONFESSION

All: Forgiving God, we come to this table knowing that we often fall short of all that you desire for us. Sometimes we fail both as individuals and as a community of faith. We seek your mercy and grace, as we ask you for forgiveness and renewal, that we may better follow you. In the name of your Son, Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Minister: We have this assurance that no matter how far we wander, or how far away we feel from God, we never move outside the boundaries of God's gracious love for us. We are loved, we are forgiven, we are blessed. We celebrate open communion here at Mayflower Church, in the tradition of our Beloved Teacher who welcomed all to the Supper, even those who betrayed him, or ran away in fear.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

THE INVITATION

Minister: We welcome you to this table, whether you are a member of this church, another church, or no church. All you need is faith, or a desire for faith. This is the time when we all acknowledge our past failures, sins, and disappointments, and present ourselves to God, who offers us love, forgiveness, and wholeness. Remember, God accepts us just where we are and who we are at this very moment in our lives.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

Minister: On the night when He was betrayed, as Jesus sat at supper with His disciples, He took the bread, blessed and broke it, and said to them, "Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

After supper Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and blessed it, saying, "This is the cup of the new testament in My blood: do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me. For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes again."

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this memorial of your love, and have granted to us the presence of your Son, even Jesus Christ our Lord, and we ask you to strengthen our faith in you and to increase our love toward one another, through Him, our Redeemer. Amen.

How Firm a Foundation

Rippon's, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.

Traditional American Melody
Caldwell's, *Union Harmony*, 1837

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5. "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid.
 The riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply.
 I will not, I will not de - sert to his foes;

What more can He say than to you He hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 For I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 The flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 Up - held by my right - eous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 And sanc - ti - fy to thee, thy deep - est dis - tress.
 Thy dross to con - sume and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!" A - men.

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days 173

Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838-1898, alt.

John's Day Psalter, 1562

1. Lord, who through - out these for - ty days, For
 2. As Thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, And
 3. And through these days of pen - i - tence, And
 4. A - bide with us, that so, this life Of
 5. As you did hun - ger and did thirst, So

us didst fast and pray, Teach us with Thee to
 didst the vic - t'ry win, O give us strength in
 through Thy Pas - sion - tide, Yea, ev - er - more, in
 suf - fering o - ver - past, An East - er of un -
 teach us, gra - cious Lord, To die to self, and

mourn our sins, And close by Thee to stay.
 Thee to fight, In Thee to con - quer sin.
 life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.
 end - ing joy We may at - tain at last!
 so to live By your most ho - ly word. A - men.

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