



St. Paul's United Church
Sunday, March 6, 2022 – Lent 1
Sacrament of Communion

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Music: Rebecca Amadei, Shayla Brown,
Ken MacDonald, Hilary Warwick

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO THE GATHERED

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

OPENING HYMN: VU#115 "Jesus, Tempted in the Desert" sung by Shayla Brown

- 1. Jesus, tempted in the desert, lonely, hungry, filled with dread:**
"Use your power," the tempter tells him; "turn these barren rocks to bread!"
"Not alone by bread," he answers, "can the human heart be filled.
Only by the Word that calls us is our deepest hunger stilled!"
- 2. Jesus, temped at the temple, high above its ancient wall:**
"Throw yourself from lofty turret; angels wait to break your fall!"
Jesus shuns such empty marvels, feats that fickle crowds request:
"God, whose grace protects, preserves us, we must never vainly test.
- 3. Jesus, temped on the mountain by the lure of vast domain:**
"Fall before me! Be my servant! Glory, fame, you're sure to gain!"
Jesus sees the dazzling vision, turns his eyes another way:
"God, alone deserves our homage! God alone will I obey!"
- 4. When we face temptation's power, lonely, struggling, filled with dread,**
Christ, who knew the tempter's hour, come and be our living bread.
By your grace, protect, preserve us lest we fall, your trust betray.
Yours, above all other voices, be the Word we hear, obey

OPENING PRAYER read by Sue Dorion, written by Karen Ptolemy-Stam

As we begin this Lenten journey O God, our hearts are heavy for the suffering of the Ukrainian people as they face this Russian invasion. We join with people around the world who struggle to find ways for peace for all, including the Russian people who have protested the actions of their own government and are one of thousands now in prison, beaten and fined for speaking out for

peace. You know, O God, the path of suffering. Remind us, especially in this Lenten season, that you walk with us all. Your path is never easy and can be costly if we are to live our faith. Be with us in our worship we pray. Amen

EXTINGUISHING THE LIGHT ON OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

"Even in the dark, Jesus said, "Be not afraid, I go before you always."



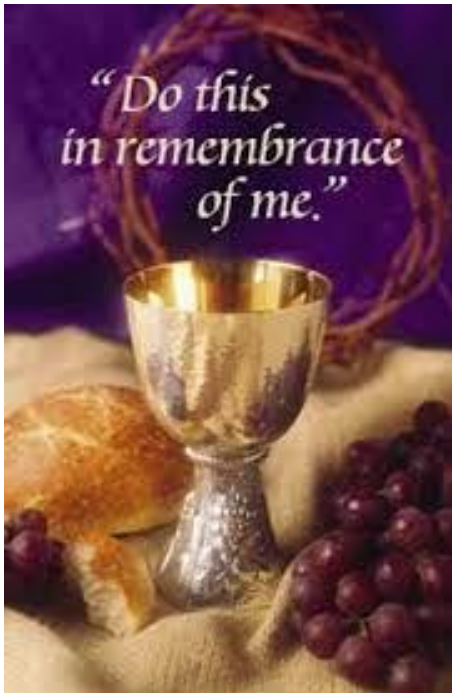
SUNG RESPONSE: "Be still and know that I am God" sung by Hilary Warwick

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 4:1-13 read by Charlie Carswell

SERMON: A Journey through the Wilderness of the Soul

REMINDER ABOUT GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

COMMUNION HYMN: "We Gather Here" VU#469 sung by Rebecca Amadei



1. We gather here in Jesus' name,
his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
for through the loving son, God fashions us as one:
come take the bread, come drink the wine, come, share the Lord.
No one is a stranger here, everyone belongs;
finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.

2. He joins us here, he breaks the bread,
the One who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
the One we love the most is now our gracious host:
Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come, share the Lord.
We are now a family of which Christ is the head;
though unseen he meets us here in the breaking of the bread.

3. We'll gather soon where angels sing;
we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;
now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:
Come take the bread, come drink the wine,
come, share the Lord.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: read by Charlie Carswell

CLOSING HYMN: "Forgive Us" sung by Ken MacDonald

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

SUNG BENEDICTION: "Be Not Afraid" by Rebecca Amadei

"Be not afraid. I go before you always. Come follow me and I will give you rest."

POSTLUDE