

**Good Shepherd Church**  
**Worship Guide**  
**January 22, 2023**  
**Temptations of the Christ**

**God's Greeting**

*Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!*

**Call to Worship:**

Hear, Israel: Yahweh is our God. Yahweh is one.

***Yahweh is the true God; he is the living God and the everlasting King!***

What does Yahweh your God ask of you except to fear Yahweh your God by walking in all His ways, to love Him, and to worship Yahweh your God with all your heart and all your soul?

***To the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.***

Oh, magnify Yahweh with me, and let us exalt his name together!

**Hymn of Praise – Father of All Things**

Father, Father of all things we bless You  
Father we love and adore You  
O Father Your children praise You  
Father, Father of light and of power  
Father Your greatness surrounds the earth  
And all of Your children declare You are Lord

Jesus only Son of the living God  
Jesus You willingly suffered  
That through You we might know His love  
Jesus cleanse us Your people and fill us  
Pour down Your Spirit upon us  
That we as Your body may show forth Your love

Spirit sent by the Son to dwell in us  
Living and working within us  
To make us more like Jesus  
Spirit fall down upon us as fire  
Fill and equip us with power  
And draw from us love and praise to the Lord

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## Invocation

Pastor Jeff Gregory

### Hymn—"O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"

O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
it fills the heart with ecstasy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take  
our mortal form for mortal's sake!

He sent no angel to our race  
of higher or of lower place,  
but wore the robe of human frame  
himself, and to this lost world came.

For us baptized, for us he bore  
his holy fast and hungered sore,  
for us temptation sharp he knew;  
for us the tempter overthrew.

For us he prayed; for us he taught;  
for us his daily works he wrought;  
by words and signs and actions thus  
still seeking not himself, but us.

For us to wicked men betrayed,  
scourged, mocked, in purple robe  
arrayed,  
he bore the shameful cross and death,  
for us at length gave up his breath.

For us he rose from death again;  
for us he went on high to reign;  
for us he sent his Spirit here,  
to guide, to strengthen and to cheer.

To him whose boundless love has won  
salvation for us through his Son,  
to God the Father, glory be both  
now and through eternity.

Words: Latin, fifteenth century;  
trans. Benjamin Webb, 1854  
Meter: LM Tune: Puer nobis nascitu

## Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

### Call to Confession:

<sup>12</sup> For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. <sup>13</sup> Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who was tempted in every way that we are, yet was without sin.

[Silence]

### Minister: Let us confess together our sin.

*Congregation: Gracious God, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the giver. In your mercy, help us to see that all the things we pine for are shadows, but you are substance; that they are quicksands, but you are mountain; that they are shifting, but you are anchor. We plead your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ. Accept his worthiness for our unworthiness, his sinlessness for our transgressions, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his righteousness for our dead works, his death for our life. We pray in Jesus's name. Amen.*

### Assurance of Pardon: (inspired by Micah 7:18-20)

To those who turn from sin and seek Jesus Christ there is no god like our God, for He promises to pardon sin and forgive transgression. He treads our sins underfoot and hurls all our iniquities

into the depths of the sea. He is faithful, loving and true to His promises. Take heart, in Jesus Christ, through faith in him alone, your sins are forgiven. Amen.

### **Hymn- Before the Throne Of God Above**

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong, a perfect plea,  
a great high priest, whose name is love,  
who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is written on his hands,  
my name is hidden in his heart;  
I know that while in heaven he stands  
no power can force me to depart,  
no power can force me to depart.

2. When Satan tempts me to despair,  
and tells me of the guilt within,  
I look to heaven, and see him there  
who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died  
my sinful soul is counted free;

for God, the just, is satisfied  
to look on him and pardon me,  
to look on him and pardon me.

3. Behold him there! The risen Lamb,  
my perfect, spotless righteousness,  
the great unchangeable I AM,  
the King of glory and of grace!  
One with himself, I cannot die,  
my soul is purchased by his blood;  
my life is safe with Christ on high,  
with Christ, my Savior and my God,  
with Christ, my Savior and my God.

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Author- Charitie L Bancroft

### **Reading the Holy Scriptures Proclamation**

*I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.* Psalm 119:11

First Testament- **Numbers 14:20-35**

**Psalm 78:1-32**

New Testament- **Mark 8: 31-33**

New Testament – **Hebrews 3: 6b- 4:2**

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

### **Praise and Instruction through Song**

*Then Moses spoke the words of this song until they were finished, in the ears of all the assembly of Israel.  
So Moses wrote this song the same day and taught it to the people of Israel.* Deut. 31:30, 22

### **Hymn “Jesus, Tempted in The Desert”**

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, tempted, at the temple,  
high above its ancient wall:  
'Throw yourself from lofty turret;  
angels wait to break you fall!'  
Jesus shuns such empty marvels,  
feats that fickle crowds request:  
'God, whose grace protects, preserves us,  
we must never vainly test.'

3 Jesus, tempted 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.

(8787D)– Herman Stuempfle, Jr.

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## Hymn – Christ the True and Better Adam

Christ the true and better  
Adam, Son of God and Son of man  
Who when tempted in the garden  
Never yielded never sinned  
He who makes the many righteous  
Brings us back to life again  
Dying He reversed the curse then  
Rising crushed the serpent's head

2

Christ the true and better  
Isaac, Humble son of sacrifice  
Who would climb the fearful mountain  
There to offer up his life  
Laid with faith upon the altar  
Father's joy and only son  
There salvation was provided  
Oh what full and boundless love.

### Chorus

*Amen amen*

*From beginning to end*

*Christ the story*

*His the glory*

*Alleluia amen*

3

Christ the true and better  
Moses Called to lead a people home  
Standing bold to earthly powers  
God's great glory to be known  
With his arms stretched wide to heaven  
See the waters part in two  
See the veil is torn forever  
Cleansed with blood we pass now  
through

4

Christ the true and better David  
Lowly shepherd, mighty King  
He the champion in the battle  
Where O death is now thy sting?  
In our place He bled and conquered  
Crown Him Lord of majesty  
His shall be the throne forever  
We shall e'er His people be.

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## Prayers & Praises of the People

*My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations. Isa. 56:7*

Thanks, Request and Supplications

Prayers of the People

## Acknowledging and Dedication of Offerings

On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper. 1  
Corinthians 16:2

*Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that he has given you. For if  
the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have.*

Deuteronomy 16:17; 2 Corinthians 8:12

## **Dedication of Offerings**

O God, the fountain of all good, we present our gifts to you according to your prospering us. Enable us with our earthly things to give you the love of our hearts and the service of our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Doxology –**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
in heaven above and earth below;  
one God, three Persons, we adore —  
to him be praise for evermore!

## **Sermon Hymn- Forty Days Was Jesus Tempted**

Forty days was Jesus tempted, forty nights his trust was tried.  
From the Jordan, Christ was driven; there would Satan be his guide.  
Famished, thirsty, lost and lonely, Christ endured the toughest test.  
In the wilderness, he struggled, Satan sought to do his best.

Then the devil said to Jesus, "You look like you're moving slow.  
Surely you need bread and water, take this stone and make it so!"  
Jesus' stomach sure was empty, hunger like he'd never known;  
Yet to Satan he responded, "We don't live by bread alone."

Then the devil said to Jesus, "look at all these lands you see!  
To you I will give their glory, if you only worship me."  
Jesus stopped to think it over, but he knew who he should love  
Then to Satan he responded, "Worship only God above."

Then the devil said to Jesus, "if you truly are divine,  
cast yourself from this high mountain, and you surely will be fine!"  
Jesus knew the holy scriptures, thus he knew the devil's fraud.  
Christ responded to his tempter, "Do not test the Lord your God."

Help us, God, when we are tempted, fill us with your scripture's strength  
Throughout our life's journey, help us trust you through its length.  
Jesus knew the way to triumph, scripture was his sword and shield.  
May your Spirit come upon us: send us now your Word to wield.

*Paraphrase of Luke 4v1-13* Stephen M Fearing

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## Ministry of the Word

### Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11

*The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup> And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.*

Mark 1:12-13

### Sermon – “The Temptation of Messiah Jesus ” by Wayne Conrad

#### Response Hymn – Christ Our Redeemer Knew Temptation’s Hour

Christ our redeemer knew temptation’s hour  
in desert places, silent and apart;  
and three times over met the tempter’s power  
with God’s word written, hidden in his heart.

2. He makes not bread what God has made a stone,  
he at whose bidding water turns to wine:  
we are not meant to live by bread alone  
but as God speaks the word of life divine.

3. He will not ask the fickle crowd’s acclaim,  
nor flaunt the Sonship which is his by right,  
nor seem distrustful of the Father’s name  
who bids us walk by faith and not by sight.

4. He seeks no kingdom but by cross and grave,  
for love of sinners spurning Satan’s throne:  
his triumph seen in those he died to save  
who, to his glory, worship God alone.

Timothy Dudley Smith

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### Table Fellowship with our Risen Lord

Led by Jeff Gregory

Leader: *What shall we render to Yahweh for all his benefits to us?*

People: ***We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of Yahweh!***

***We will pay our vows to Yahweh in the presence of all his people.***

Ps. 116:12-14

#### Invitation

Come to the Table, eat and drink with Yahweh’s people here, for all things are now ready.

## **A Prayer before Participating**

O Blessed Savior, our Redeemer and our Lord, as we come to partake of the symbols of your body which were offered for us and your blood which was poured out for the remission of our sins, create in us a mighty hunger for you, the Bread of Life who came down from heaven. Also instill in our weak souls new supplies of your strengthening power and favor, new life, new love, new vigor, that we may not faint nor falter but may ever be faithful to you. **Amen.**

## **Words of Institution**

*As they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread and asked God's blessing on it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take it, for this is my body."  
And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. And he said to them, "This is my blood, poured out for many, sealing the covenant between God and his people. I solemnly declare that I will not drink wine again until that day when I drink it new in the Kingdom of God." Then they sang a hymn Mark 14:22-26a*

## **Thanksgiving Prayer for the Bread**

***Glory and praise to You, O God, our Father. In your tender mercy you gave your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to suffer and die upon the cross for us. Grant us your Holy Spirit and sanctify us and this bread that it may be for us spiritual food. May we feed in our hearts on Christ, our Savior and Lord.***

## **Breaking, Distribution and Communion of the Bread**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

### Communion Hymn- 656 **O Sacrifice of Calvary**

O sacrifice of calvary,  
O Lamb whose sacred blood was shed,  
O great High Priest on heaven's throne,  
O Victor from the dead!  
Here I recall your agony,  
here see again your bloodstained brow;  
beyond the sign of bread and wine  
I know your presence now.

2. Your royal presence intercedes  
eternally for me above,  
and here my hungry spirit feeds  
upon these gifts of love;  
before your holy table laid  
I come once more in hope and peace,  
your blood and flesh my soul refresh  
with joy that shall not cease.

Jesus said: *"This is the bread that comes from heaven so that whoever eats it will not die. I am the living bread that came from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. The bread I will give to bring life to the world is my flesh."* (John 6:50-51)

Paul wrote: *The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?* (1 Cor. 10:16b)  
**Yes, it surely is!**

Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts with thanksgiving.

***Praise be to God!***

## **Communion of the Cup**

### **Pouring and Thanksgiving Prayer**

We thank you, O God our Father, for the cup, the symbol of the shed blood of your precious Son, our Passover Lamb. We remember the supper, his cross, and his resurrection. We look forward to the fulfillment of his promise to eat and drink with us again in the coming manifestation of the Kingdom. Let this cup be to us the cup of salvation as we trust in Him alone to save and the cup of fellowship as we drink with Him, the true Vine from heaven. **Amen.**

*Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. . . . The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. John 6:53ff*  
Paul wrote: *The cup of blessing which we share is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? 1 Cor. 10:16a*

***Yes, it surely is!***

Repeat Communion Hymn, "O Sacrifice of Calvary"

Jesus said: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you. Drink this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and be thankful. 1 Cor. 1:25

Post Communion Prayer

We praise and thank you, Eternal God, our Father, for the privilege to have been at your holy table. You have accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ and have graciously fed us with spiritual food and drink. Send us now into the world in peace and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; and may your kingdom's interest receive our first loyalty. **Amen.**

Doxology

Rev. 5:12

***"The Lamb is worthy--the Lamb who was killed. He is worthy to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing."***

## **A Prayer for Times of Testing**

Blessed Lord, you were tempted in all things like we are, have mercy on our frailty. Out of weakness give us strength; grant to us your fear, that we may fear only you. Support us in time

of temptation; embolden us in time of danger. Help us to do your work with good courage, and to continue as your faithful soldiers and servants until life's end. (W F Westcott).

### **Hymn – "O God Beyond All Praising**

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word,  
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

The flower of earthly splendor in time must surely die,  
its fragile bloom surrender to you the Lord most high;  
but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown –  
though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:  
for Christ the Man from heaven from death has set us free,  
and we through him are given the final victory!

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favor may serve you as our king;  
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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### **Benediction** – 2 Cor 13:14

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.*

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## Numbers 13:26-14:35

At the border of Canaan Moses sent in spies to survey and bring a report. The land was great but the people strong. Majority: We cannot go in. Minority: we can and must go in for God has promised the land to us. People rebel against Moses. They demand to be led back to Egypt and threaten to stone him. But God intervened and threaten to destroy them for their constant rebellion. But Moses intercedes for them.

### >Numbers 14:20

<sup>20</sup> Yahweh replied, "I have forgiven them, as you asked. <sup>21</sup> Nevertheless, as surely as I live and as surely as the glory of Yahweh fills the whole earth, <sup>22</sup> not one of those who saw my glory and the signs I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness but who disobeyed me and tested me ten times— <sup>23</sup> not one of them will ever see the land I promised on oath to their ancestors. No one who has treated me with contempt will ever see it. <sup>24</sup> But because my servant Caleb has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land he went to, and his descendants will inherit it. <sup>25</sup> Since the Amalekites and the Canaanites are living in the valleys, turn back tomorrow and set out toward the desert along the route to the Red Sea." <sup>26</sup> Yahweh said to Moses and Aaron: <sup>27</sup> "How long will this wicked community grumble against me? I have heard the complaints of these grumbling Israelites. <sup>28</sup> So tell them, 'As surely as I live, declares Yahweh, I will do to you the very thing I heard you say: <sup>29</sup> In this wilderness your bodies will fall—every one of you twenty years old or more who was counted in the census and who has grumbled against me. <sup>30</sup> Not one of you will enter the land I swore with uplifted hand to make your home, except Caleb son of Jephunneh and Joshua son of Nun. <sup>31</sup> As for your children that you said would be taken as plunder, I will bring them in to enjoy the land you have rejected. <sup>32</sup> But as for you, your bodies will fall in this wilderness. <sup>33</sup> Your children will be shepherds here for forty years, suffering for your unfaithfulness, until the last of your bodies lies in the wilderness. <sup>34</sup> For forty years—one year for each of the forty days you explored the land—you will suffer for your sins and know what it is like to have me against you.' <sup>35</sup> I, Yahweh have spoken, and I will surely do these things to this whole wicked community, which has banded together against me. They will meet their end in this wilderness; here they will die.

### Psalm 78:1-32 A Maskil of Asaph.

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;  
**incline your ears to the words of my mouth!**

I will open my mouth in a parable;  
**I will utter dark sayings from of old,**  
things that we have heard and known,  
**that our fathers have told us.**

We will not hide them from their children,  
**but tell to the coming generation**  
the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might,  
**and the wonders that he has done.**

He established a testimony in Jacob  
**and appointed a law in Israel,**  
which he commanded our fathers  
**to teach to their children,**

that the next generation might know them,  
**the children yet unborn,**  
and arise and tell them to their children,  
**so that they should set their hope in God**  
and not forget the works of God,

**but keep his commandments;**  
and that they should not be like their fathers,  
**a stubborn and rebellious generation,**  
a generation whose heart was not steadfast,  
**whose spirit was not faithful to God.**

The Ephraimites, armed with the bow,  
turned back on the day of battle.

They did not keep God's covenant,  
but refused to walk according to his law.

**They forgot his works**  
**and the wonders that he had shown them.**

In the sight of their fathers he performed wonders  
in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.

He divided the sea and let them pass through it,  
and made the waters stand like a heap.

In the daytime he led them with a cloud,  
and all the night with a fiery light.

He split rocks in the wilderness  
and gave them drink abundantly as from the  
deep.

He made streams come out of the rock  
and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

**Yet they sinned still more against him,**  
**rebelling against the Most High in the desert.**

They tested God in their heart  
by demanding the food they craved.

**They spoke against God, saying,**  
**"Can God spread a table in the wilderness?"**

He struck the rock so that water gushed out  
and streams overflowed.

**Can he also give bread**  
**or provide meat for his people?"**

Therefore, when the LORD heard, he was full of  
wrath;

a fire was kindled against Jacob;  
his anger rose against Israel,

**because they did not believe in God**  
**and did not trust his saving power.**

Yet he commanded the skies above  
and opened the doors of heaven,  
and he rained down on them manna to eat  
and gave them the grain of heaven.  
Man ate of the bread of the angels;  
he sent them food in abundance.  
He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens,  
and by his power he led out the south wind;  
he rained meat on them like dust,  
winged birds like the sand of the seas;  
he let them fall in the midst of their camp,  
all around their dwellings.  
And they ate and were well filled,  
for he gave them what they craved.  
But before they had satisfied their craving,  
while the food was still in their mouths,  
the anger of God rose against them,  
and he killed the strongest of them  
and laid low the young men of Israel.  
**In spite of all this, they still sinned;  
despite his wonders, they did not believe.**

#### **Mark 8:31-33**

<sup>31</sup> And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

#### **New Testament- Hebrews 3:6b- 4:2**

We are his (God's) house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

<sup>7</sup> *Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says,  
"Today, if you hear his voice,*

<sup>8</sup> *do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion,  
on the day of testing in the wilderness,*

<sup>9</sup> *where your fathers put me to the test  
and saw my works for forty years.*

<sup>10</sup> *Therefore I was provoked with that generation,  
and said, 'They always go astray in their heart;  
they have not known my ways.'*

<sup>11</sup> *As I swore in my wrath,  
'They shall not enter my rest.'*

<sup>12</sup> Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. <sup>13</sup> But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. <sup>14</sup> For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. <sup>15</sup> As it is said,

*"Today, if you hear his voice,  
do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."*

<sup>16</sup> For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? <sup>17</sup> And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? <sup>18</sup> And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? <sup>19</sup> So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. <sup>2</sup> For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

#### **Sermon Text- Matthew 3:16-4:11**

<sup>16</sup> And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup> and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

<sup>4</sup> Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup> And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup> But he answered, "It is written,  
"*Man shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.*"

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple <sup>6</sup> and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,  
"*"He will command his angels concerning you,'  
and*

*"On their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone."*

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, "*Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'*" <sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup> And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "*Be gone, Satan! For it is written,*

*“You shall worship the Lord your God  
and him only shall you serve.”*

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came  
and were ministering to him.

### **A Prayer Based on Jesus’ Temptations**

Father in heaven, lead us not into the temptation that forgets your goodness even when we are very hungry. Help us to trust you by faith to give us daily bread. Like Jesus, help us renounce to receive, to lose our lives, to hate our lives that we might be kept as yours forever.

Father in heaven, lead us not into the temptation of thinking we can manipulate your truth to make a point that vindicates or empowers us. Help us to have the mind of Christ, forsaking celebrity for the promised exaltation of the self-emptying life. Help us believe your Grace is sufficient in our weakness because it is grounded in the unrivaled freedom of your very self as Father, Son and Spirit.

Father in heaven, lead us not into the temptation of a cross-less discipleship that can grant an earthly kingdom that glitters for a season, but costs us more than we can imagine. Keep our knees from bending at any throne but yours. Help our worship to always include the cup of your suffering. Help us refuse the sweet seduction of lesser loves.

Our Father in Heaven, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil! For yours alone is the kingdom and the power and the glory because Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by other kingdoms and powers and glories. And, the Word said NO. Remind us of this forever and ever. Amen.

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Question 31: **Why is he called "Christ," meaning "anointed"?**

Answer: He is called the Christ Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit <sup>(a)</sup> to be our chief prophet and teacher<sup>(b)</sup> who perfectly reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God for our deliverance;<sup>(c)</sup> our only high priest<sup>(d)</sup> who has set us free by the one sacrifice of his body<sup>(e)</sup> and who continually pleads our cause with the Father:<sup>(f)</sup> and our eternal king<sup>(g)</sup> who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.<sup>(h)</sup>

(a) Luke 3:21-22; 4:14-19; Isa. 61:1; Heb. 1:9; Ps. 45:7 (b) Acts 3:22; Deut. 18:15 (c) John 1:18; 15:15 (d) Heb. 7:17; Ps. 110:4 (e) Heb. 9:12; 10:11-14 (f) Rom. 8:34; Heb. 9:24 (g) Matt. 21:5; Zech. 9:9 (h) Matt. 28:18-20; John 10:28; Rev. 12:10-11

### Question 32: **But why are you called a Christian?**

Answer: I am called a Christian Because by faith I am a member of Christ<sup>(a)</sup> and so I share in his anointing.<sup>(b)</sup> I am anointed to confess his name<sup>(c)</sup> to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks.<sup>(d)</sup> to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life.<sup>(e)</sup> and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.<sup>(f)</sup>

a) 1 Cor. 12:12-27 Acts 3:22 (Deut. 18:15) (b) Acts 2:17 (Joel 2:28); 1 John 2:27 (c) Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:9-10; Heb. 13:15 (d) Rom. 12:1; 1 Pet. 2:5, 9 (e) Gal. 5:16-17; Eph. 6:11; 1 Tim. 1:18-19 (f) Matt. 25:34; 2 Tim. 2:12