

CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 22nd, 2026

SERVANTS OF THE WEEK

| | FEBRUARY 22 | MARCH 1 |
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| Officiant / Leader | Fr. Ben Edstrom | |
| Sharer | Fr. Ben Edstrom | Fritz Calkins |
| Altar Guild | Fritz Calkins | Becky Allen |
| | Becky Allen | Char Kautzman |
| Chalice Bearer | Fritz Calkins | |
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| Ushers | Elaine Whitley | Allan Miller |
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| Sunday School | Cynthia Weems | Cynthia Weems |
| Music | Daniel Groth | Daniel Groth |
| Order of Worship | Daniel Groth | Daniel Groth |
| Sound & Video | Charlie & Jim | Charlie & Jim |

WELCOME VISITORS!

There are visitor cards near the entrance, please fill one out and give it to an usher.

The nursery is available for children up to 4 years old. The nursery is the first room on the left going down the hallway.

All who are baptized and followers of the Lord Jesus are welcome at His table.

A NOTE ABOUT LITURGICAL WORSHIP

Liturgy means the work of the people. Its purpose is to engage people in active participation in drawing near to God. An analogy that helps us understand why we follow a liturgical form of worship is that of a trail leading up to a mountain vista. We follow the trail not only to arrive at a particular destination, but we enjoy the journey en route! We enjoy the sounds of rushing streams and singing birds, the smell of the forest and fresh earth, the beauty of the sunlight and the changing scenery. In a similar way in our journey to the vista of the adoration of Jesus Christ, we pass through prayers that point and direct us to His character, the songs that enliven our heart with images of His glory, the Word of God that proclaims His truth, and the communion that draws us to His heart. Would you journey with us today through the landscape of the Lord's goodness?

THE LORD'S SUPPER

February 22nd, 2026



But he answered, “It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”” *Matthew 4:4*

Before service we will enter a time of reflective quiet as we ready our hearts for the Lord.

PROCESSIONAL

All stand.

“Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days”

Lord, who throughout these forty days
For us didst fast and pray,
Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins,
And close by Thee to stay.

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As Thou with Satan didst contend,
And didst the victory win,
O give us strength in Thee to fight,
In Thee to conquer sin.

And through these days of penitence,
And through thy Passontide,
Yea, evermore, in life and death,
Jesus! With us abide.

Abide with us, that so, this life
Of suffering overpast,
An Easter of unending joy
We may attain at last!

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THE ACCLAMATION

The People standing, the Celebrant says this or a seasonal greeting.

**Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
His mercy endures for ever.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant prays (and the People may be invited to join)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of
our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we
may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy
Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE DECALOGUE

God spoke these words and said: I am the Lord your God.
you shall have no other gods but me.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**
You shall not make for yourself any idol.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**
You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**
Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**
Honor your father and your mother.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**
You shall not murder.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**
You shall not commit adultery.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**
You shall not steal.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**
You shall not covet.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these, your laws,
in our hearts, we beseech you.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

The Deacon or other person appointed says the following

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence

The Deacon and People kneel as able and pray

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all:

We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us.

We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with your spirit.

The Deacon and people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE MUSIC

All stand.

“Come As You Are”

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been
Come broken-hearted let rescue begin
Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Chorus

**(So) Lay down your burdens lay down your shame
All who are broken lift up your face
O wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart
Come as you are**

There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure **[Chorus]**

Bridge

Come as you are, fall in His arms, come as you are...

There's joy for the morning O sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal **[Chorus]**

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant says to the People

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays the Collect.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations, and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT

A Reading from Genesis 2:4-9, 15-17, 25-3:7 (Page 2)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 51:1-12

- ¹ Have mercy upon me, O God, in your great goodness; *
according to the multitude of your mercies wipe away
my offences.
- ² Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.
- ³ For I acknowledge my faults, *
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴ Against you only have I sinned, and done this evil in
your sight, *
so that you are justified in your sentence, and
blameless in your judgment.

⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in wickedness, *
and in sin my mother conceived me.

⁶ But behold, you desire truth in the inward parts *
and shall make me understand wisdom secretly.

⁷ You shall purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; *
you shall wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

⁸ You shall make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the bones which you have broken may rejoice.

⁹ Turn your face from my sins, *
and blot out all my misdeeds.

¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.

¹¹ Cast me not away from your presence, *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.

¹² O give me the comfort of your help again, *
and sustain me with your willing Spirit.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT

A Reading from Romans 5:12-21 (Page 942)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

All stand.

“I Will Offer Up My Life”

I will offer up my life, in spirit and truth,
Pouring out the oil of love as my worship to You.
In surrender I must give my ev'ry part.
Lord receive the sacrifice of a broken heart.

Chorus

**Jesus, what can I give, what can I bring,
To so faithful a friend, to so loving a King?
Savior, what can be said, what can be sung,
As a praise of Your name,
For the things You have done?
Oh, my words could not tell,
Not even in part,
Of the debt of love that is owed
By this thankful heart.**

THE GOSPEL

All standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St. Matthew 4:1-11 (Page 809)
Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the Gospel, the Reader says

**The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN CONCLUDES

All stand.

You deserve my every breath
For You've paid the great cost
Giving up Your life to death, even death on a cross
You took all my shame away, there defeated my sin
Opened up the gates of heaven
And have beckoned me in

Chorus

**Jesus, what can I give, what can I bring,
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Savior, what can be said, what can be sung,
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THE SERMON – FR. BEN EDSTROM

THE NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

Celebrant and People Standing

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The person appointed says

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Almighty and everliving God, we are taught by your holy Word to offer prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all people. We humbly ask you mercifully to receive our prayers. Inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all who confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

We pray that you will lead the nations of the world in the way of righteousness; and so guide and direct their leaders, especially Donald, our President, Greg our governor, members of congress and those who serve in the courts, that your people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. Grant that our leaders may impartially administer justice, uphold integrity and truth, restrain wickedness and vice, and protect true religion and virtue.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Give grace, heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and especially your servants Archbishop Stephen Wood and Jacqueline, Bishop Phil and Julie, Suffragan Bishop Mark and Cindy, Deacon Nan and Charlie, The Community of St. Columba in Missoula with Fr. Joshua and

Sarah, and for all the clergy, congregations and people of our diocese, that by their life and teaching, they may proclaim your true and life-giving Word, and rightly and duly administer your holy Sacraments. And to all your people give your heavenly grace, especially to this Congregation, that with reverent and obedient hearts we may hear and receive your holy Word, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Prosper, we pray, all those who proclaim the Gospel of your kingdom throughout the world and the Anglican Province of South America, strengthen us to fulfill your great commission, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey all that you have commanded.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

We ask you in your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

We remember before you all your servants who have departed this life in your faith and fear, that your will for them may be fulfilled, and we ask you to give us grace to follow the good examples of all your saints, that we may share with them in your heavenly kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a priest for this parish that we may receive a faithful pastor who will preach the Gospel, care for your people, equip us for ministry, and lead us forth in fulfillment of the Great Commission; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Together

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a priest for this parish that we may receive a faithful pastor who will preach the Gospel, care for your people, equip us for ministry, and lead us forth in fulfillment of the Great Commission; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

**At this time additional prayers may be added, either silently or aloud.*

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant concludes with the following prayer

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to Him.

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

THE OFFERTORY

The People stand while the offerings are presented. The following offertory sentence is said.

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:16*

“Lord I Need You”

Lord I come, I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus

**Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You**

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Chorus

**Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You**

Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Chorus

**Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You**

Ending

My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

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THE DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow.
Praise Him all crea-tures here be-low.
Praise Him above, ye heavn'ly hosts,
Praise Father, Son and Ho-ly Ghost. Amen.**

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE SURSUM CORDA (HEARTS LIFTED)

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Proper Preface

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



THE SANCTUS

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

O Holy, Holy, Holy God, O God of time and space.
All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to Your grace
Hosanna in the highest heaven, creation sings Your praise
And blessed is the One who comes
And bears Your name always

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THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

So now, O merciful Father, in your great goodness, we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it,* and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.” 

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.” 

Therefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of your dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we your humble servants celebrate and make here before your divine Majesty, with these holy gifts, the memorial your Son commanded us to make; remembering his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and his promise to come again.

And we earnestly desire your fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; asking you to grant that by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his Blood, we and your whole Church may obtain forgiveness of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body

and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, be filled ⁺with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, because of our many sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we ask you to accept this duty and service we owe, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant then says

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us,
we are bold to pray:

Celebrant and People together pray

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth
as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE FRACTION

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant and People together may say

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

“Agnus Dei”

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,
Grant us peace, grant us peace.

Daniel Groth 2025

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All who are baptized and followers of the Lord Jesus are welcome at His table. Gluten free is available please ask. Healing teams are available to pray with you during Holy Eucharist, in the back of the church.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"We Will Feast In The House Of Zion"

Chorus

We will feast in the house of Zion

We will sing with our hearts restored

He has done great things we will say together

We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire

He is the Lord our God

We are not consumed by the flood

Upheld protected gathered up **[Chorus]**

In the dark of night before the dawn

My soul be not afraid

For the promised morning oh how long

Oh God of Jacob be my strength **[Chorus]**

Every vow we've broken and betrayed

You are the faithful one

And from the garden to the grave

Bind us together bring shalom **[Chorus]**

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"I Give You My Heart"

This is my desire, to honor You.

Lord with all my heart I worship You.

All I have within me, I give You praise.

All that I adore is in You.

Chorus

Lord, I give You my heart, I give You my soul.

I live for You a-lone.

Ev'ry breath that I take, ev'ry moment I'm a-wake,

Lord, have Your way in me.

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THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People together say the following

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us: that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom.

And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING | MILESTONES | CLERGY BLESSING

RECESSIONAL

All stand.

“Just A Closer Walk With Thee”

I am weak, but Thou art strong.
Jesus, keep me from all wrong.
I'll be satisfied as long,
As I walk, let me walk, close to Thee

Chorus

**Just a closer walk with Thee
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea.
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

Through this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares.
Who with me. my burden shares
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee. **[Chorus]**

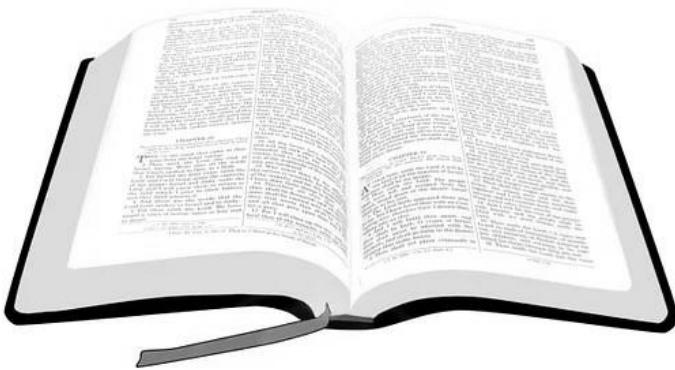
When my feeble life is o'er
Time for me will be no more.
Guide me gently, safely o'er.
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore **[Chorus]**

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THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon, or the Priest, may dismiss the people with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ
Thanks be to God.



*“Your word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light upon my path.”*

CHRIST IN THE WILDERNESS

1872

Ivan Kramskoi

The composition of this painting is stark, powerful and emotionally charged. The artist chose somber colors for this glimpse into the forty day fast that Jesus spent in the desert. The surrounding environment emphasizes the remoteness and loneliness of what He faced while there. Satan's temptation offering Him bread, power, and a kingdom were all rejected with the responses: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God," It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test,' and "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

In the Old Testament, we know that Moses fasted forty days and nights before receiving the law and Elijah followed the same example in I Kings 19:8). Referring to the Kingdom, "Jewish people recognized that God reigned as king over the world He created. Some believed that they affirmed this whenever they recited the Shema, acknowledging that there was just one true God." (*Cultural Background Study Bible*)

"Ivan Nikolayevich Kramskoi was a Russian realist painter and art critic. One of the most prominent artists of tsar Alexander II's reign... He came from an impoverished (middle class) family. He studied at the St. Petersburg Academy of Arts. He reacted against academic art and was an initiator of 'Revolt of the Fourteen' which ended with the expulsion from the Academy of a group of its graduates, who organized the 'Artel of Artists.' Influenced by the ideas of the Russian revolutionary democrats, Kramskoi asserted the high public duty of the artist, principles of realism, and the moral substance and nationality of art." ([wikimedia.org](https://commons.wikimedia.org))