



THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, 'If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.' But He answered and said, 'It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.' ' hen the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, 'If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and 'In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, 'It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.' ' Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, 'All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.' ' Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you Lord Christ

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Readers for next week: Merle W. & Christina D.



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 forever. **Amen.**

When I kept silent, my bones grew old through my groaning all the day long.

The LORD Himself has covered our sins.

For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer. **Selah**

The LORD Himself has covered our sins.

FIRST LESSON: GENESIS 2:15-17

Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, 'Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.'

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 32

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

The LORD Himself has covered our sins.

Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit, there is no deceit.

The LORD Himself has covered our sins.

SECOND LESSON: ROMANS 5:12-17

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned -- (For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless, death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification. For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.