

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

10TH MARCH 2019

First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1–11

The Fifth Book of Moses Called Deuteronomy

²⁶ When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.” ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the LORD your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, ⁷ we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 91:1–13

¹ You who live in the shelter of the Most High:

who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

² will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress:

my God, in whom I trust.”

³ For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler:

and from the deadly pestilence;

- ⁴ he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge:
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.
- ⁵ You will not fear the terror of the night:
or the arrow that flies by day,
- ⁶ or the pestilence that stalks in darkness:
or the destruction that wastes at noonday.
- ⁷ A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand:
but it will not come near you.
- ⁸ You will only look with your eye:
and see the punishment of the wicked.
- ⁹ Because you have made the LORD your refuge:
the Most High your dwelling place,
- ¹⁰ no evil shall befall you:
no scourge come near your tent.
- ¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you:
to guard you in all your ways.
- ¹² On their hands they will bear you up:
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.
- ¹³ You will tread on the lion and the adder:
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

EPISTLE

Romans 10:8b–13

A reading from the Letter to the Romans

⁸ But what does it say?
“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel

Luke 4:1–13

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² 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. ³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” ⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ 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. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”
⁹ 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, ¹⁰ for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ ¹¹ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”
¹² Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sentence

Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.

Luke 4.8

Prayer of the day

O saving God,
who led your people through the wilderness
and brought them to the promised land:
so guide us that, following our Saviour,
we may walk through the wilderness of this world
and be brought to the glory of the world which is to come;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Supplementary Readings

Genesis 37.12-28

Psalms 119.105-122

Luke 22.1-38

Prayer Response

Lord, in you we trust.

You are our refuge and strength.

The Temptation of Jesus

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. Luke 4:1-2a (NIV)

Each line of the puzzle has one word hidden in a list of random letters. The blank space is a missing letter that belongs to that word. Fill in the missing letter.



1.	U	M	H	R	B	R		A	D	J	S	P	O
2.	Z	F	P	E	W	O		L	D	Q	Y	X	V
3.	J	I	H	E	B	D		S	E	R	T	S	W
4.	M	R	C	Y	H	A		T	O	N	E	R	X
5.	B	L	S	A	R	M		U	N	G	R	Y	G
6.	M	W	O	R	S	H		P	T	R	Z	X	J
7.	R	Z	C	T	E	M		T	E	D	Q	R	Q
8.	T	K	A	N	G	E		S	P	Y	I	Y	X

DESERT
TEMPTED

HUNGRY
STONE

BREAD
WORSHIP

WORLD
ANGELS