"Temptation" is the focus of today's gospel reading: Jesus' temptation in the wilderness by the devil. What is temptation; and who, or what, is the devil? I won't pretend to offer a definitive interpretation of either of these, but I can speak to what precedes and what follows each of these. Our deepest self abides in Divine Presence. This is our true identity - that which Jesus refers to as the Kingdom of God. When we are cut off from our deepest self, cut off from Presence, we fall prey to temptation and prey to sin (the same thing). The thing which leads us down this path of sin, portrayed in the Gospel reading as the devil, is our ego, our need to assert ourselves as separate from God and from each other.

Our Lenten task, therefore, is to catch the secret voice of our ego, ever trying to separate us from Divine Presence, our true self. We learn to catch this through self-reflection, through prayer, through meditation, through stillness. Wherever you are in your journey toward this place of growing Awareness, you are welcome here at St. Stephen's Church.

— the Minister of Music
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If you are new, please e-mail us, Office@StStephensChurch.org, to let us know who you are, ask questions, and make comments.

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If you are ready to inquire about membership, want us to pray for you or someone you name, or would like a call from one of our priests, please e-mail the office.

The Word of God

Music in Preparation for Worship

J. S. Bach (1685 — 1750)

O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde gros (O man, bewail thy great sin)

The Great Litany


All stand

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
A Reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

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, 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. 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.” When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, 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. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an out-stretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. 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. 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.
PSALM 91

Jonathan Dimmock

Please sing the antiphon after the choir’s introduction of it, and as marked.

He is bound to me in love; therefore will I deliver him.

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High your habitation, there shall no evil happen to you, neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

Antiphon

For he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.
They shall bear you in their hands lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Antiphon

You shall tread upon the lion and adder; you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet. Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my Name. Antiphon

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor. With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation. Antiphon

Second Lesson

Romans 10. 8b – 13

A Reading from Paul’s letter to the Church in Rome.

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); 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. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” 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. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.
Gospel

Deacon  The ✺ Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People  Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, 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. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 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. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

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, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Deacon  The Gospel of the Lord.
People  Praise be to thee, O Christ.
The Creed

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only 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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from 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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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 Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
and make good thy vows unto the Most High.  
—Psalm 50. 14

Offertory Anthem

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872 — 1958)

Love Bade Me Welcome (from “Five Mystical Songs”)

Wilford Kelly, Baritone

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back,  
Guilty of dust and sin.  
But quick-eye’d Love, observing me grow slack  
From my first entrance in,  
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning,  
If I lack’d anything.  
A guest, I answer’d, worthy to be here:  
Love said, You shall be he.  
I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,  
I cannot look on thee.  
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,  
Who made the eyes but I?  
Truth, Lord, but I have marr’d them: let my shame  
Go where it doth deserve.  
And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame?  
My dear, then I will serve.  
You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat:  
So I did sit and eat.  

—George Herbert (1593 — 1633)
Presentation Hymn

Please stand as the Presentation Hymn is introduced and the ushers bring the plates forward.

PANGE LINGUA

Sursum Corda

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is meet and right so to do.

Preface

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,
Sanctus (BCP p. 341)

Mass for Four Voices

William Byrd (1543 – 1623)

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, 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, he 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 remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy
Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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 Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

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

The Invitation

People
O Lord, most precious lamb of God, most tender priest of man, who feedest thine own with the bread which cometh down from heaven, in whose hands is a cup and the wine is red; we pray thee with this food and drink so to satisfy our hunger that we hunger yet more and our thirst that it never be quenched; for thine is the power and the glory unto endless ages of ages. Amen.
At the Communion

Please come forward in two lines to receive from the Celebrant, and then process to either side of the altar to receive the wine.

After drinking the wine, please place the cup into the blue bowl (piscina) as you return to your seat.

Music during the Distribution

Mass for Three Voices

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi: 
miserérer nobis.  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi: 
miserérer nobis.  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi: 
dona nobis pacem.  

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.

Communion Hymn

Kiev Chant

Cherubic Hymn

Let us, who mystically represent the cherubim,  
And who sing the thrice Holy hymn 
To the Life-creating Trinity,  
Now lay aside all earthly cares  
That we may receive the King of all  
Who comes invisibly upborne by the angelic hosts.  
Amen.

Sung in prayerful hope that the Lord strengthen and encourage the peoples of Ukraine.
**Post-Communion Motet**

*Schaffe in mir, Gott*

Schaffe in mir, Gott, ein rein Herz, und  
gib mir einen neuen, gewissen Geist.  

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

—Psalm 51. 10

**Post-Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant*  Let us pray.

*All*  
Almighty and ever-living God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

**Blessing over the People**

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Dismissal**

*BCP p.366*  
Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*  Thanks be to God.

**Closing Hymn: Hymn 597**

JERUSALEM  

O day of peace that dimly shines

*The Postlude is omitted during the season of Lent.*

*Please join us for Coffee Connections in Kimball Hall following the service.*

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The Great Litany dates to 590, when Pope Gregory the Great commanded a litany of prayer to counteract a viral epidemic ravaging Rome following the overflowing of the Tiber River. Litanies are based on the structure of Psalm 136: "Praise the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endures for ever," and are always sung in procession around a church or city. The English version of the Litany, which we use, was the first rite prepared by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer for the 1544 Book of Common Prayer. It was King Henry VIII that ordered church processions, while chanting this Great Litany, when England was at war with Scotland and France.

The world is almost unrecognizably different now, though, except that we are still at war with each other. A war with any nation is a war within us. Who among us can say that we are not experiencing major personal unrest since Russia attacked Ukraine? So the Great Litany has it right, and we need to say it over and over again: "Have mercy upon us."
We are grateful for all those serving today at the Altar

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A special thanks to Coffee Connections team 5 today, led by Chris Brent
If you would like to make a donation to St. Stephen’s for our ministry in this community, you can do so by using this code (to use the code, scan it with your phone camera):

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Calendar

• March 8 and 9: Slow Religion Class at 4 pm*
• April 24th: All Parish barbecue following the 10 am service in the memorial garden

Announcements

• The Diocese of California now allows fully vaccinated persons (two shots plus a booster) to skip wearing masks.

• Prayer: Our beautiful sacred space is open during the week for prayer, Mondays through Wednesdays, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM. All are welcome.

• Altar flower donation sign-ups can be done in the Narthex or by contacting the office.

• Worship Opportunities: Would you like to assist in our worship at St. Stephen’s? Multiple roles are open-- public reading of the scripture (lector), administering the Holy Communion (Eucharistic Minister), offering the prayers of the people (Intercessor), as well as ushering. Training opportunities are also available if you’d like some pointers. For more information, contact Fr. Richard Schaper (richard@ststephenschurch.org)

• St. Stephen’s is joining with our neighboring Christ Episcopal Church to offer preparation for confirmation. Classes will begin on Sunday, March 13 and conclude with a Saturday retreat possibly in Inverness on May 28. Students who are ready may be confirmed by the bishop at Grace Cathedral on Saturday, June 4. Classes will generally be on late afternoon on Sundays and conclude with pizza. Classes will take place both at St. Stephen’s and at Christ Episcopal Church, 70 Santa Rosa Ave, Sausalito. A full schedule and a registration form is available from the church office.(Office@StStehensChurch.org). The curriculum will follow Janifer Gamber’s book “My Faith, My Life: A Teen’s Guide to the Episcopal Church” available from Amazon and other book sellers.

• *Slow Religion: The Gospel According to Mark is a lay person-led adult education weekly series for Christians and seekers who want to deepen their spiritual understanding and gain life insights from the Gospels. The class studies and discusses Mark, possibly the first Gospel, using theological, historical, cultural commentaries on the Gospel to spur understanding, reflection and action. More information available in Tidings. (If you aren't subscribed to Tidings, text 42828 to subscribe.)
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