



# First Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2021

10:30 AM

Join us for our livestream at <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnssummit/>  
or <https://www.youtube.com/user/StJohnsSummitNJ>

**NO Zoom Coffee Hour Today**



**Everyone is welcome.** As people of God, St. John's welcomes all regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female." (Galatians 3:28) This is Christ's church, and Christ has bid you come.

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**Coffee Sale:** If you need fair trade coffee, teas, and chocolate, contact Jane Bowman.

**Annual Congregational Meeting, TODAY following the 10:30 AM service.** The Annual Meeting will occur on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82159990819?pwd=YVFRReDgzb3JiR1ZxbDRTWEJoUzArQT09>. We recommend each voting member use a separate device to log into Zoom to facilitate voting.

**Lenten Bags:** By now you should have received your Lenten bags filled with devotionals and activities for Lent leading up to Easter. If you did not receive one, please contact Pastor Blake.

**Calling everyone who loves to sing hymns!** Please join us in celebrating Easter by virtually singing together the Easter hymn, "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!" Our voices and videos will be joined with hundreds (perhaps thousands) of Lutherans from around the country. We will receive a special edition of the video where only our church members will be seen during stanza 3. (Don't worry, all the other voices will still be heard while we are seen.) Visit <https://alcm.org/easter-virtual-hymn/> for instructions to submit your recording by **February 23**. Choose Melody-high voice or Melody-low voice for a congregation part or choose your preferred choir or instrumental part. Email Donna Garzinsky ([dgarzinsky@stjohnssummit.org](mailto:dgarzinsky@stjohnssummit.org)) with the recording file name you submit so your video can be included in our special edition.

**There is no Zoom Children's Time TODAY.**

**Evening Prayer: Wednesdays at 7:00 PM** on both our [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) pages.

**Hymns of Faith Hymns of Faith** is on hiatus.

**Giving Is Important.** We count on your generous offerings to continue to do our robust ministry. Please give generously. You may [give online](#) or mail checks to the church.

**Worship Live Stream at 10:30 AM** on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/stjohnssummit](http://www.facebook.com/stjohnssummit) or our YouTube Channel at [www.youtube.com/user/StJohnsSummitNJ](http://www.youtube.com/user/StJohnsSummitNJ) **Worship bulletins** are located: <https://www.stjohnssummit.org/bulletins>.

### **Prayer Before Worship**

Gracious God, in rushing waters and in dry wilderness, in every season and circumstance, we need your sustaining word. By the power of your Holy Spirit, proclaim the good news among us today so that we may repent and believe and see anew how the time is fulfilled and the kingdom has come near; in Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior. Amen.

From *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year B, Vol. 1*

**PRELUDE** Setting of *Seelenbräutigam*

By Jeffrey Blersch (b. 1967)

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Gathering**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God, seeking forgiveness in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our ✠ Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**Amen.**


# GATHERING HYMN ELW 624 Jesus, Still Lead On



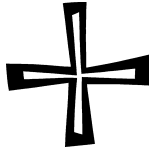
1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al-though the  
2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less  
3 When we seek re - lief from a long-felt grief, when temp-ta - tions  
4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n-ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;  
fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;  
come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;  
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



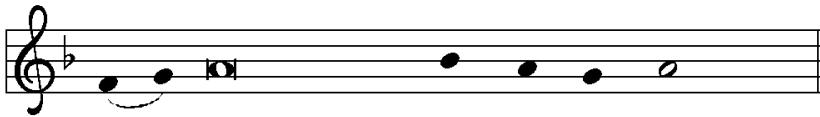
guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.  
safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.  
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.  
till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.



## APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

## KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



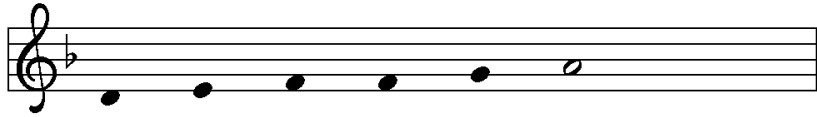
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



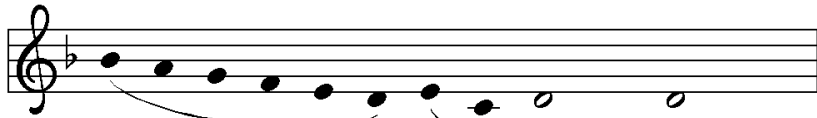
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



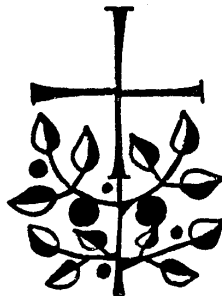
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



## Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

### **FIRST READING** Genesis 9:8–17

<sup>8</sup>God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup>God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

*The reader concludes:* The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING** 1 Peter 3:18–22

<sup>18</sup>Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## GOSPEL Mark 1:9–15

The Holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

<sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

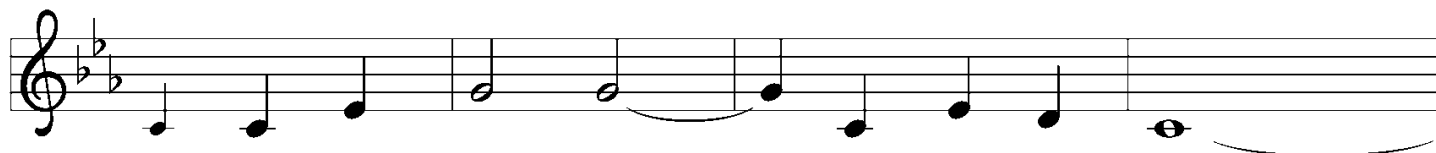
*The Gospel is proclaimed, concluding:* The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## HOMILY

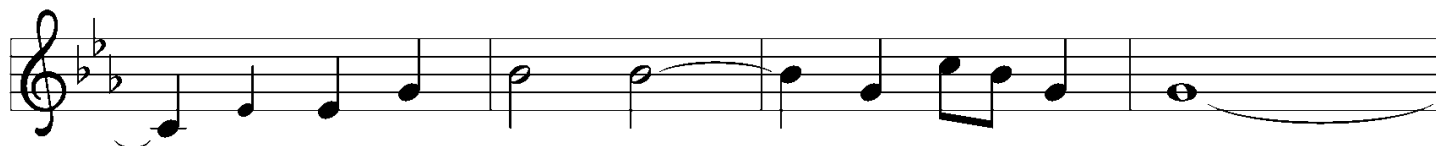
The Rev. Blake A. Scalet



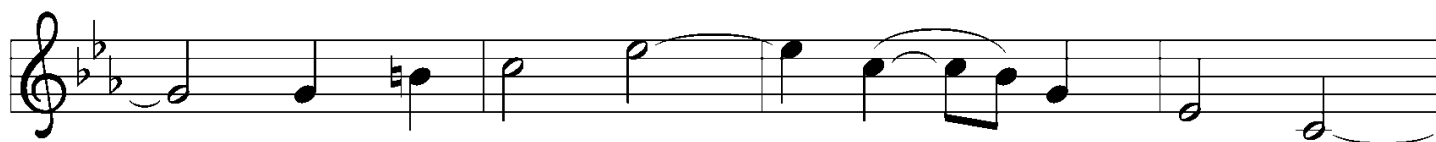
# HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 325 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me



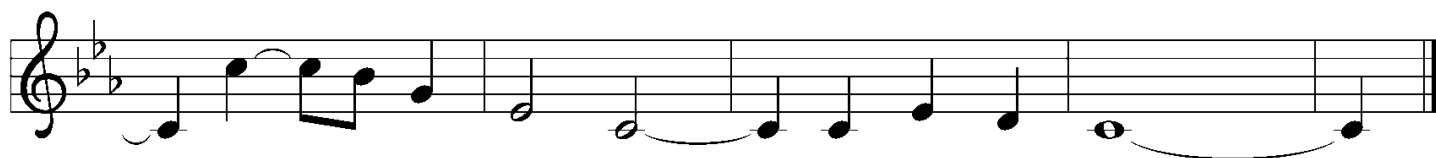
1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

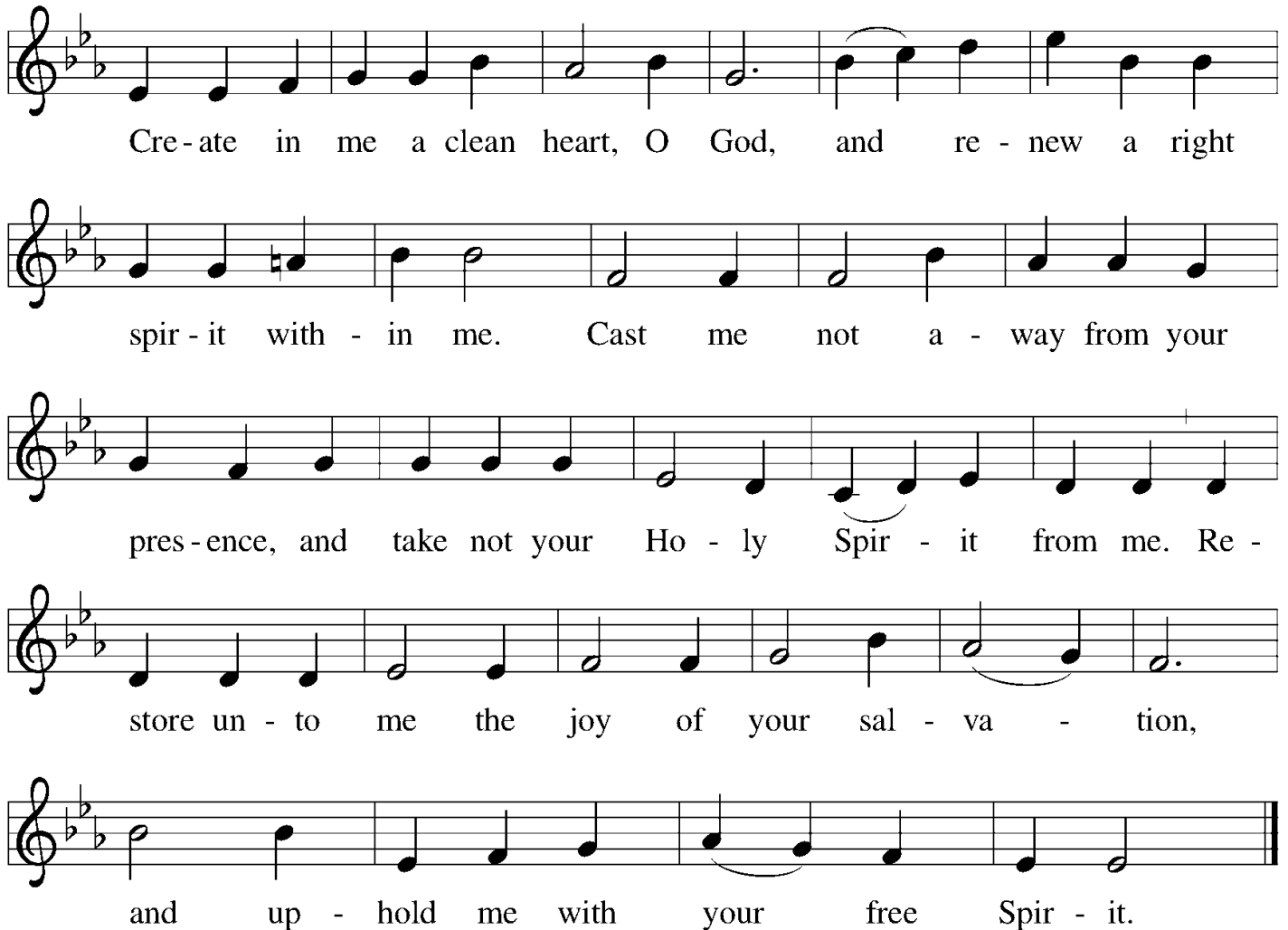
## **GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*We present monetary, food, and other offerings for God's mission through this congregation. If you would like to make a one-time or recurring electronic contribution, you may visit [www.stjohnssummit.org](http://www.stjohnssummit.org).*

**OFFERING MUSIC** "He That Shall Endure to the End" from *Elijah* By Felix Mendelssohn  
(1809–1847)

Virtual Recorder Ensemble

## OFFERTORY



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670–1739

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### Sending

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## BLESSING

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And may Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

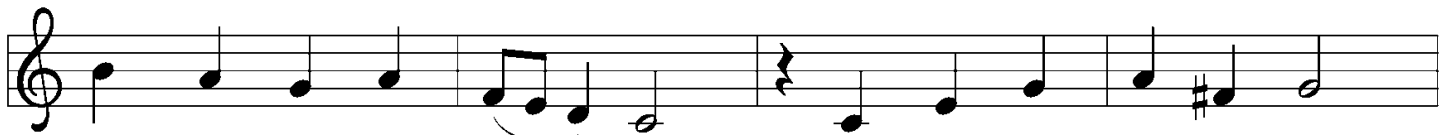
SENDING HYMN ELW 504 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -  
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** Setting of *Sojourner*

By Terry D. Wilson (b. 20<sup>th</sup> C.)

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# PRE-READER

Lent 1

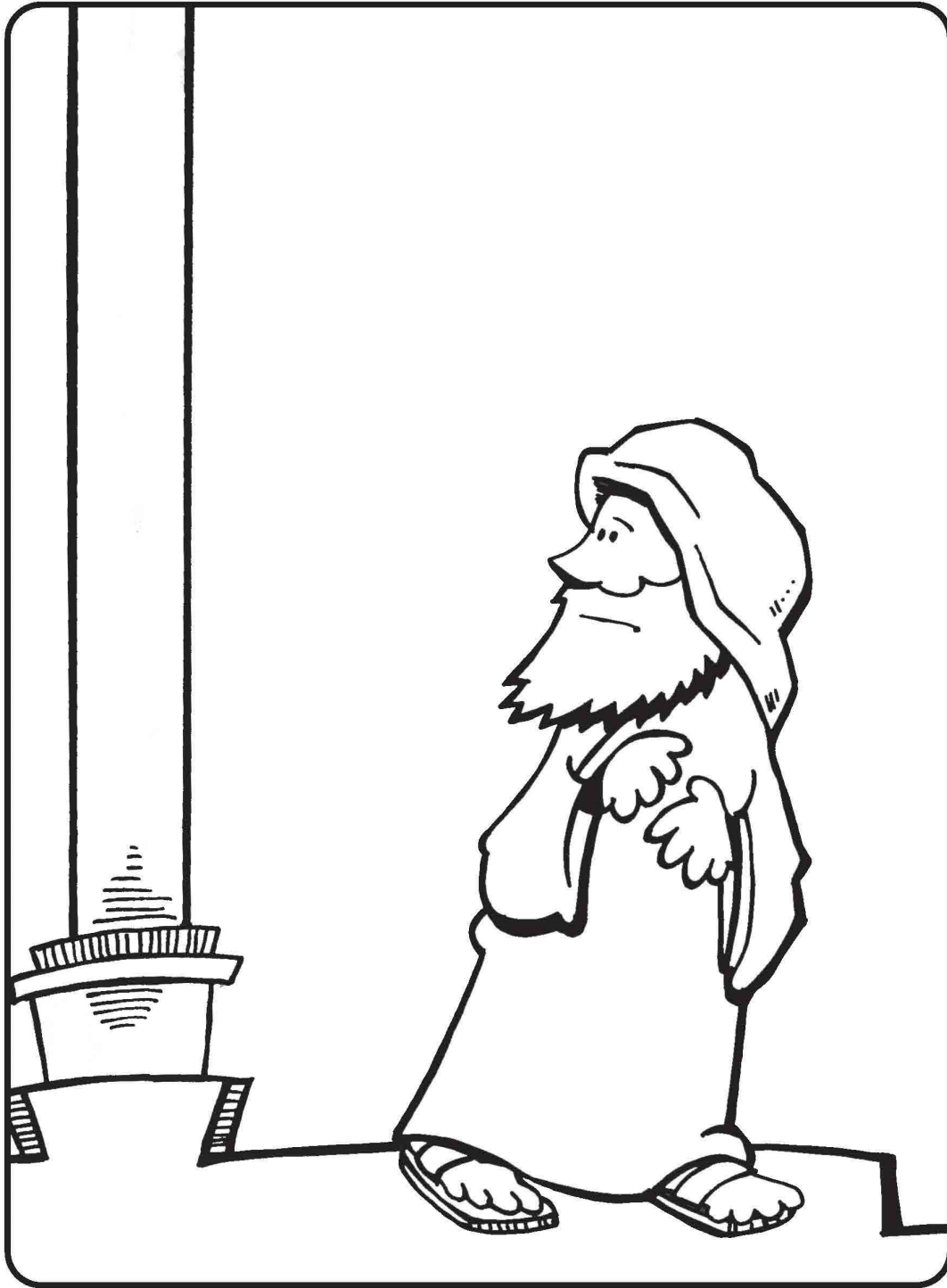
- Today is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in **Lent**.
- The color for Lent is **purple**.
- Purple represents **quiet**.
- Jesus was **lonely** in the quiet desert.

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**Trace the letters below to reveal what season we're in.**



L E N T

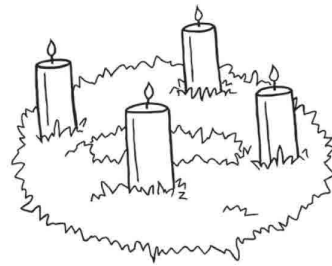


**Jesus was happy that God was with him,  
especially when he was tempted to do  
wrong.**



Can you match the symbol to its church season?

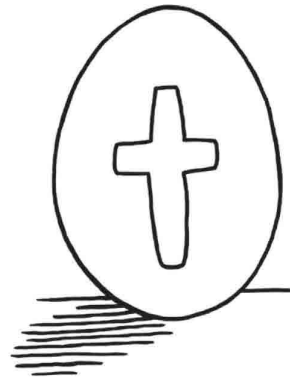
**LENT**



**EASTER**



**ADVENT**



**CHRISTMAS**





The symbol of Lent is a cross. Do you see crosses in your church? Do they look the same or do they look different?

**Draw them below!**



**A Latin cross is a Christian symbol. It represents Jesus.**



**In a Greek cross, all four arms are the same length.**



**A crucifix shows Jesus' body on the cross. It helps us remember that Jesus died for us.**



# READER

Lent I

- Today is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in **Lent**.
- The season of Lent lasts **40 days**.
- During Lent, we remember Jesus' time in the **desert**.
- After he was baptized, Jesus stayed in the desert for **40 days**.

## Do the Math!

Color in every square that equals 40. The colored squares will show a symbol of Lent.

$2 \times 30$	$4 \times 4$	$27 + 13$	$23 \times 4$	$52 \div 4$
$64 \div 8$	$5 \times 3$	$56 - 16$	$45 \div 5$	$61 - 35$
$80 \div 2$	$2 \times 4 \times 5$	$77 - 37$	$68 - 28$	$64 - 24$
$9 \times 7$	$72 \div 3$	$8 \times 5$	$67 - 20$	$9 \times 9$
$4 \times 2$	$71 - 13$	$2 \times 20$	$5 \times 3 \times 2$	$5 \times 6$
$7 \times 7$	$81 \div 9$	$16 + 24$	$90 - 1$	$24 - 17$
$49 \div 7$	$2 \times 4 \times 2$	$46 - 6$	$54 \div 9$	$17 + 24$



This is a verse from Mark's Gospel, but the words in bold are jumbled! Can you put them in the right spots?



The **believe** is **fulfilled**, and the **near** of God has come **repent**; **kingdom** and **time** in the good news  
 – Mark 1:15

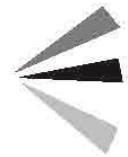


The gospel of Mark begins with Jesus' baptism. What stories do the other gospels begin with?

Matthew starts with...

Luke starts with...

John starts with...



The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news.

**MEMORY VERSE ANSWER**

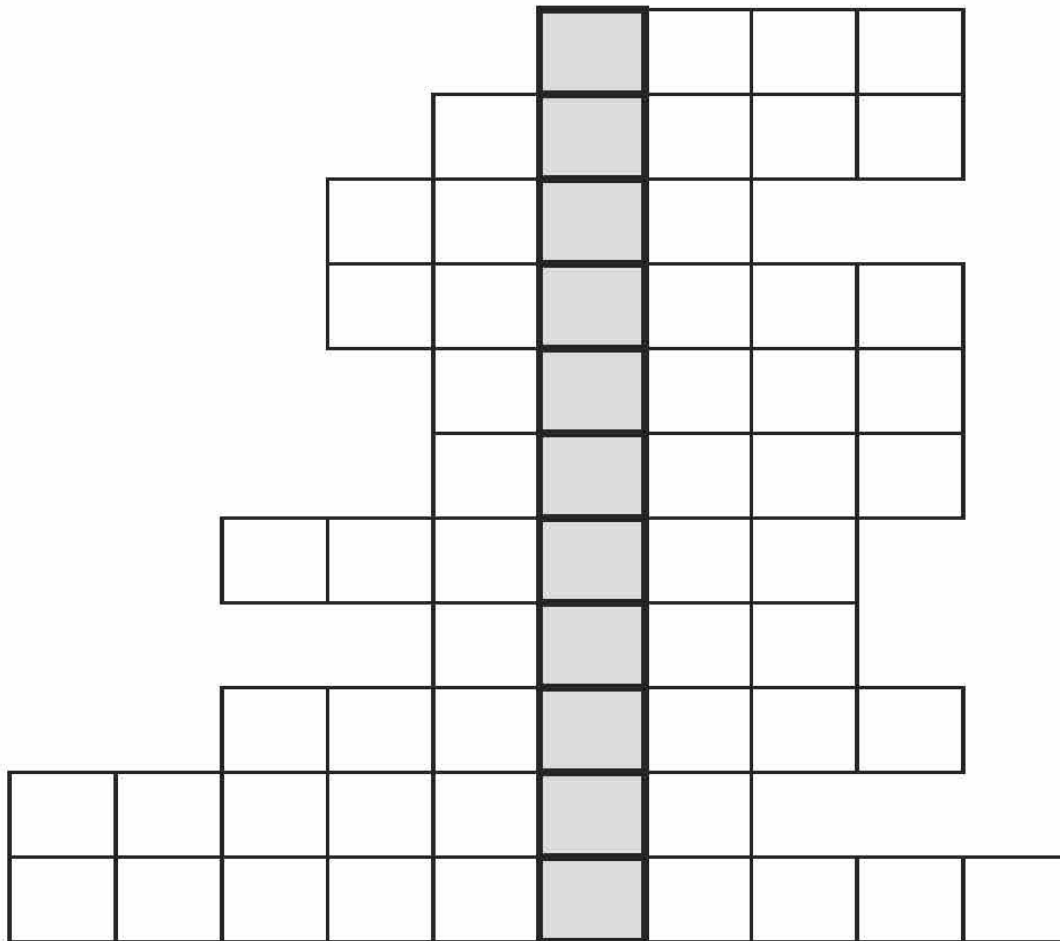
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**SPLASHY LOCAL ANSWERS**



# Splash Locale

During Lent we remember our baptisms. Use the clues to fill in the missing words. Read the circled letters to find out where John baptized Jesus. Then use another piece of paper to try to make your own puzzle about the place where people are baptized in your church – the font!



Row 1 Man who baptized Jesus (Mark 1:9)

Row 2 John's favorite sweet (Mark 1:6)

Row 3 Prepare the way of the \_\_\_\_ (Mark 1:3)

Row 4 People came from the \_\_\_\_ countryside (Mark 1:5)

Row 5 I have baptized you with \_\_\_\_ (Mark 1:8)

Row 6 I am not fit to \_\_\_\_ the thong of his sandals. (Mark 1:7)

Row 7 The \_\_\_\_ descended on him like a dove. (Mark 1:10)

Row 8 John proclaimed a baptism for the forgiveness of \_\_\_\_ (Mark 1:4)

Row 9 He saw the \_\_\_\_ torn apart (Mark 1:10)

Row 10 Jesus was \_\_\_\_ by Satan (Mark 1:13)

Row 11 Where the spirit drove Jesus (Mark 1:12)

