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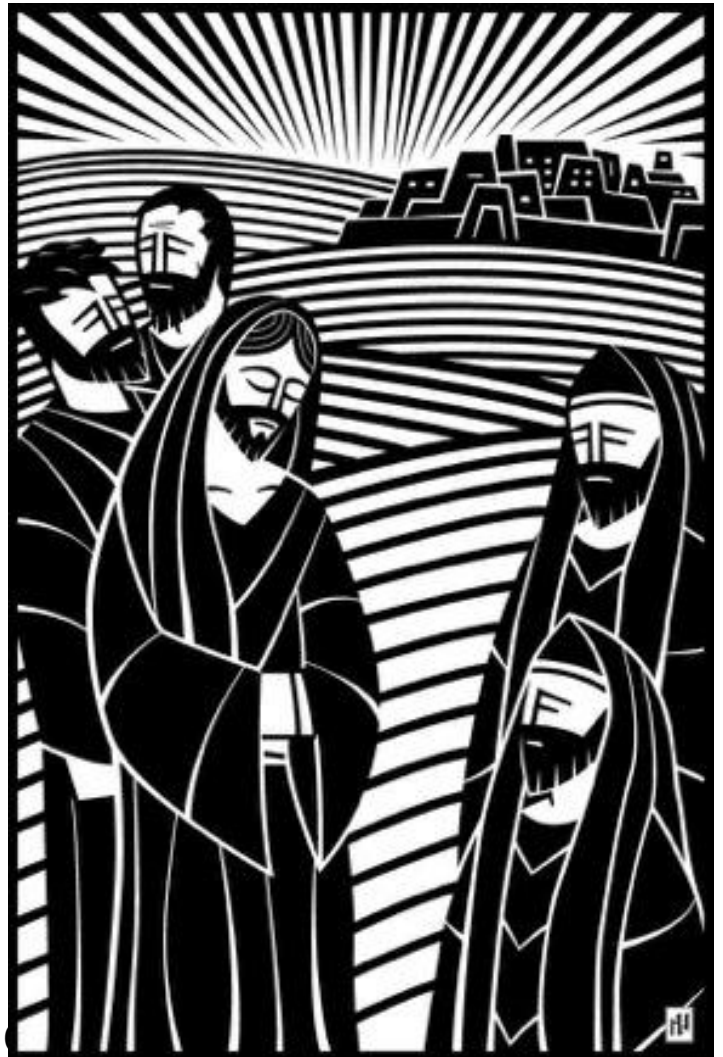
**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**February 28, 2021**

**Series Theme:**  
***Christ is Our Strength,***

especially when our faith is tested by or Satan attacks us with various temptations.

**Sermon Theme:**  
***Jesus Calls Us to Follow Him***

To follow Jesus we must carry our cross. This means our faith will bring us severe burdens and shame. But through Jesus' cross we have such good news: Heaven is open! We can rejoice in our sufferings! By losing our lives for Jesus, we will find them!



HYMN

“Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing”

*Christian Worship Supplement #121*



1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In your  
 2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion Fas - ci -  
 3 If the world my heart en - tic - es With the  
 4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me By your  
 5 O my God, my Rock and Tow - er, Grant that



ho - ly wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that  
 nate my sin - ful mind, Let me think a -  
 broad and eas - y road, With se - duc - tive,  
 wounds, Lord, is made whole; When I'm weak, your  
 in your death I trust, Know - ing death has



I am feel - ing Pains of bod - y and of mind.  
 bout your pas - sion, And new cour - age I shall find.  
 sin - ful vic - es, Let me think a - bout the load  
 cross re - vives me, Grant - ing new life to my soul.  
 lost his pow - er Since you crushed him in the dust.



Should some e - vil thought with - in Tempt my treach - 'rous  
 Or should Sa - tan press me hard, Let me then be  
 You were will - ing to en - dure; Then I'll flee all  
 Yes, your com - fort ren - ders sweet Ev - 'ry bit - ter  
 Sav - ior, let your ag - o - ny Ev - er help and



heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from sin - ning  
 on my guard, Say - ing, "Christ for me was wound - ed,"  
 thoughts im - pure, Mas - ter - ing each wild temp - ta - tion,  
 cup I meet; For your all - a - ton - ing pas - sion  
 com - fort me; When I die be my pro - tec - tion,



Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.  
 That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.  
 Calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.  
 Has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.  
 Light and life and res - ur - rec - tion.

STAND

**Minister:** In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation:** Amen.

## CONFESSION OF SINS



**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**LORD, HAVE MERCY** *Kyrie*

**C:** **Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us. Amen.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**M:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

## **THE WORD**

**THE PASSION HISTORY from MARK, part 1**

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

**Philippians 2:8b**

Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.

**APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

# HYMN OF THE DAY

# "Fight the Good Fight"

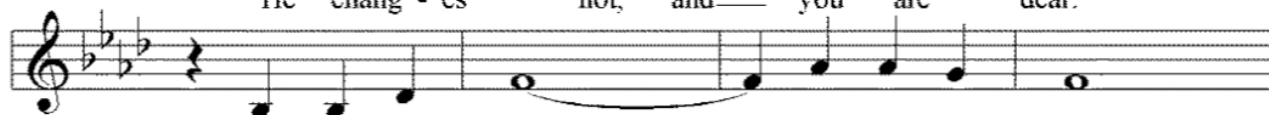
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1. Fight the good fight \_\_\_\_\_ With all your might;  
2. Run the straight race \_\_\_\_\_ Through God's good grace;  
3. Cast care a - side, \_\_\_\_\_ Lean on your guide;  
4. Faint not nor fear; \_\_\_\_\_ His arms are near.



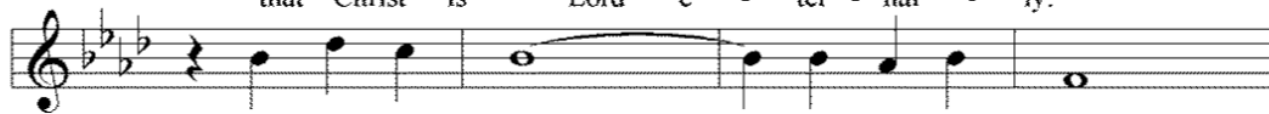
Christ is your strength and \_\_\_\_\_ Christ your light.  
Lift up your eyes and \_\_\_\_\_ seek his face.  
His bound - less mer - cy \_\_\_\_\_ will pro - vide.  
He chang - es not, and \_\_\_\_\_ you are dear.



Lay hold on life, \_\_\_\_\_ and it shall be  
Life with its way \_\_\_\_\_ be - fore us lies;  
Lean, and the trust - - - ing soul shall prove  
On - ly be - lieve, \_\_\_\_\_ and you will see



Your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.  
Christ is the path and \_\_\_\_\_ Christ the prize.  
Christ is its life and \_\_\_\_\_ Christ its love.  
that Christ is Lord e - ter - nal - ly.



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## SERMON

Matthew 4:1-4

### “Christ is Our Strength When Tempted to Do It Our Way”

**1** Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. **2** After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

**3** The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

**4** Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O Lord, in these Lenten days set our minds on Your things rather than the things of man, that we may deny ourselves, take up our crosses and follow Your Son through this life into the joys of His resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

M: O Lord, You have given Your Church the joy of proclaiming the truth that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us so that we might be justified by His blood and saved from Your wrath over our sins. Grant all pastors the gifts of Your Spirit to preach and teach this truth boldly and faithfully, and help us to confess it in word and deed in our daily lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

M: O Lord, keep us from being ashamed of the Son of Man when we face persecution for His name in this world, that He may not be ashamed of us when He comes in Your glory with the angels. Be near to all those who are facing martyrdom for Christ and sustain them unto the end, that they may be crowned with life before You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

M: O Lord, since all kingship belongs to You and You rule over the nations, we pray that You would bless all those who govern us in Your stead, that we may be ruled wisely and in accord with Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

M: O Lord, through Your Holy Spirit pour Your love into the hearts of all those who suffer in our midst, that their sufferings may produce endurance, endurance character and character a hope that will not put them to shame. Grant them health and healing in accord with Your perfect will, and sustain them in all their trials. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

M: O Lord, as we remember with thanksgiving the multitude of nations that rejoice in heaven before You with their father Abraham, we pray that You would sustain us in that same justifying faith, that as his offspring we may share in the everlasting covenant You made with him. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

M: All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**M: The Lord bless you and keep you.**

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

**C: Amen.**