

**Grey Street United Church**  
**March 10, 2019**

Take Up the Challenge – A Lenten Spiritual Practice  
**First Sunday Of Lent**  
The challenge of Generosity

\* Stand as you are able. Words in **bold** spoken by all.

\*GATHERING SONG: – “Kanata Sanctus”

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH:

\*HYMN: VU 113 “To The Desert Jesus Came”

A JOURNEY WITH JESUS: – Lenten Candle Liturgy

*(first purple candle is extinguished)*

SUNG RESPONSE: - “The Glory of Our God”  
*(tune VU 162)*

OPENING PRAYER and LORD’S PRAYER *(sung):*

ANTHEM: – “Jacob & Sons / Joseph's Coat”

SCRIPTURE READING:

Luke 4:1-13 - *Jesus tested in the desert*

We give God thanks for this reading  
of Holy Scripture ...

**AMEN**

MESSAGE: - *Deadly questions – Generous reality*

THIS WEEKS LENTEN CHALLENGE:

This week, your challenge is to do an act of  
generosity.

Find some act of generosity that is outside of what  
you usually do.

\*HYMN: - VU 808 “On Eagles Wings”

OFFERING:

*During this time, feel free to light a candle in prayer.*

\*OFFERING HYMN: "All Things Come From You"  
*(sung to the tune of Kum-ba-ya)*

\*OFFERATORY PRAYER:

\*HYMN: - VU 458 “Christ, Let Us Come with You”

ASH BLESSING AND COMMUNION: *(see insert)*

\*HYMN: VU 115 “Jesus, Tempted in the Desert”

SENDING FORTH:

\*SUNG BENEDICTION: - VU 967 “3-fold Amen”

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the Peace of Christ Be with You...

**and also with you.**

POSTLUDE:



**Luke 4:1-13** (*New International Version*)

### **Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness**

**4** <sup>1</sup> Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted<sup>[a]</sup> by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

<sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”

<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’<sup>[b]</sup>”

<sup>5</sup> The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. <sup>7</sup> If you worship me, it will all be yours.”

<sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’<sup>[c]</sup>”

<sup>9</sup> The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. <sup>10</sup> For it is written:

“He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully;

<sup>11</sup> they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’<sup>[d]</sup>”

<sup>12</sup> Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’<sup>[e]</sup>”

<sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

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