



PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE

Call to Prayer: Singing Bowl

Opening Hymn: #665 Healing River of the Spirit

Psalm 86

Turn your ear, O Lord, and give answer
for I am poor and needy.

Preserve my life, for I am faithful;
save the servant who trusts in you.

You are my God, have mercy on me, Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long.

Give joy to your servant, O Lord,
for to you I lift up my soul.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.

Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice.

In the day of distress I will call
and surely you will reply.

Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord,
nor work to compare with yours.

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord,
for you are great and do marvelous deeds,
you who alone are God.

Reading: Luke 4, 1-13

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 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.

Song #857 *Now it is Evening*

Silence

Lighting of Candles / Intercessions **Response: Jesus Prince of Peace, Hear Us!**

O Christ, by remaining faithful till death, you show us the road to greater love.

O Christ, by taking the burden of sin upon yourself, you reveal to us the way of generosity.

O Christ, by praying for those who crucified you, you lead us to forgive without counting the cost.

O Christ, by opening paradise to the repentant thief, you awaken hope in us.

O Christ, come and help our weak faith.

O Christ, create a pure heart in us; renew and strengthen our spirit.

O Christ, your Word is near, may it live within us and protect us always.

Our Father

Hymn: #639 *In the Lord I'll be Every Thankful*

Prayer

Christ Jesus, even when we can feel nothing of your presence, you are always there. Your Holy Spirit remains continually active in us, opening little ways forward to escape from our dead ends and to move towards the essential of faith, of trust.

Closing Hymn: #962 *Ashes*

