

1ST SUNDAY IN LENT - FEBRUARY 21, 2010

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

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 outstretched 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.

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, *
abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
They shall say to God, "You are my refuge and my
stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."
Because you have made God your refuge *
and the Most High your habitation,
There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
For God will give the 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.
You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under
your feet.
Because you are bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver you; *
I will protect you, because you know my Name.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you; *
I am with you in trouble; I will rescue you and bring you
honor.
With long life will I satisfy you *
and show you my salvation.

Romans 10:8b-13

"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."

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
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.

Collect

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit
to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who
are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know
the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you
mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and for ever. Amen.