

Cruden Parish Church (Church of Scotland)
'Conflict in the wilderness- the temptation of Jesus'
The First Sunday of Lent - 10.00 am, Sunday 21st February 2021



'The Temptation of Christ by the Devil' by Félix Joseph Barrias

Welcome & Call to Worship

As darkness gives way to light and winter sleep to fresh beginnings,

We come today to be reminded of God's love for us.

Like the green shoots of renewed life, *stirring beneath the soil,*

We welcome an awakening of God's word in our lives.

In this time of worship and reflection,

We affirm our identity as children of God.

Let us worship God

Hymn 463 Fairest Lord Jesus

- 1 Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son,
thee will I cherish, thee will I honour,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

- 2 Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the verdure and bloom of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer
he makes the saddest heart to sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and fair the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the stars that heaven can boast.

Prayers of Approach & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
you 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

Bible Readings

1 Peter 2: 21-25

To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.”

For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Mark 1: 9-15 - The Baptism and Testing of Jesus

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.” At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

Jesus Announces the Good News

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

Sermon 'Conflict in the wilderness– the temptation of Jesus!'



Church News (At the end of the Order of Service)

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn 555 Amazing grace!

- 1 Amazing grace! (how sweet the sound)
 that saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost, but now am found,
 was blind, but now I see.

- '2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
 and grace my fears relieved;
 how precious did that grace appear
 the hour I first believed!

- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
 I have already come;
 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
 and grace will lead me home.

- 4 The Lord has promised good to me,
 his word my hope secures;
 he will my shield and portion be
 as long as life endures.

A blessing for the season of Lent

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
fill you with radiance.
and scatter the darkness from your path.
Amen.

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness,
gladden your eyes and warm your heart.
Amen.

Christ, the Dayspring from on high,
draw near to guide your feet into the way of peace.
Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.





Cruden Parish Church News

Due to the latest lockdown caused by Covid-19 the church is closed for Sunday Worship until further notice. Our Sunday morning services will now be broadcast live via Zoom at 10.00 am every Sunday morning. For a copy of the link please contact Robert or Sean. (07791 755976)

Recording of Services

As we are now using Zoom the service can no longer be relayed live via Facebook. However, from this Sunday onwards, we will be recording the service which will be made available via the church website. If you do not wish your name or face displayed on the recording, please switch off your camera or change your name you use for the broadcast.

Pastoral Care

Please advise the minister if you know of anybody would appreciate a pastoral phone call. Sean can be contacted on 07791 755976 or sswindells@churchofscotland.org.uk

Coffee & Chat

Takes place at the end of the service. Please stay online if you wish to participate.

Lent & Easter 2021

Reflections for Lent – each day of Lent (beginning this Wednesday 17th February) there will be a reflection posted on the church Facebook Page. Contributions from friends and members would be appreciated! For me details contact Sean.

Holy Week Reflections- For each day of Holy Week (Palm Sunday - 28th March to Holy Saturday - 3rd April) there will be a video reflection, seeking to link the story of Jesus' final week with places in and around the Parish of Cruden.

Holy Week Services – more details soon
Lent Discussion Group

Our 'online' Lent discussion group begins at 7.00 pm, Sunday 21st February, 2021.
We will be exploring the theme of God's help in times of crisis through selected readings from the Old Testament book of Isaiah.

Everybody welcome - no previous Bible knowledge expected or required!
Members of other churches which may be currently shut due to the pandemic are respectfully invited to join the group.

Our discussions will be based on the book 'A way through the wilderness - experiencing God's help in times of crisis' by Paula Gooder. This is available as an e-book, but a study guide will be provided.

More information, please contact Sean @ sswindells@churchofscotland.org.uk
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