

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

⁷Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,
‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Welcome to . . .

The Presbyterian Church of Saint David
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Opening Responses [*from Eggs and Ashes, Ruth Burgess, Chris Polhill*]

Creator God, walking in the garden,

breathe life into us.

Tempted God, praying in the desert,
breathe life into us.

Holy God, travelling towards the city,
breathe life into us.

Hymn: We come to ask your forgiveness

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Prayer: (said responsively)

Loving God, you are the one true God,
whom to know is life eternal,
whom to serve is joy and peace.

We worship you, the Source of all life.

With thanks we acknowledge your wisdom, power,
faithfulness and love.

**Glory be to you, O God, and to your Son Jesus,
and to the Holy Spirit, one God forever.**

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed.

**We have not loved you with our whole heart
and mind and strength;
we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves.**

In your mercy forgive what we have been,
amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,

**so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

RESPONSE in Preparation for the Readings:

Listen for the Word that God has spoken;

Speak, Lord, to our speaking,

speak, Lord, to our listening,

speak, Lord, to our souls' deep understanding.

The Word of God: *Psalm 32*
Matthew 4:1-11

L> For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

ALL> Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Blessing, Prayers for Others

Communion

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, you have put your life into our hands;
now we put our lives into yours.
Take us, renew and remake us.
What we have been is past;
what we shall be, through you,
still awaits us.
Lead us on.
Take us with you.
Amen.

Hymn: Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

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Blessing:

L> Deep peace of the running wave to you,
deep peace of the flowing air to you,
deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
deep peace of the shining stars to you,
deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.

ALL> Amen.

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**Psalm 32**

<sup>1</sup> Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.  
<sup>2</sup> Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.  
<sup>3</sup> While I kept silence, my body wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.  
<sup>4</sup> For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.*Selah*  
<sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not hide my iniquity;  
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”  
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.*Selah*  
<sup>6</sup> Therefore let all who are faithful  
offer prayer to you;  
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters  
shall not reach them.  
<sup>7</sup> You are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.*Selah*  
<sup>8</sup> I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.  
<sup>9</sup> Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,  
else it will not stay near you.  
<sup>10</sup> Many are the torments of the wicked,  
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.  
<sup>11</sup> Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

**Matthew 4:1-11**

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup> He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup> But he answered, “It is written,  
‘One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”