Prelude & Quiet Meditation (suggested reading Deuteronomy 26:1-11)

Call to Worship

On this first Sunday in Lent, we join Jesus in the wilderness, a place of wild and dangerous things, of testing and temptation away from the security of home.

God, rescue us in the wilderness!

Once again, we watch and listen as Satan throws out temptation upon temptation, and we find our security in Jesus, who does not waver from the truth.

God, rescue us within the wilderness!

Once again, we face our own frailty and realize that the wilderness is not nearly as dangerous as our choices to prioritize selfish gain and hoarding of power.

God, rescue us through the wilderness!

Once again, we call upon God in the wildernesses of our lives, and we trust God's faithful reply:

Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them. Thanks be to God! Amen.

"Blessed Be Your Name" (3798438)

Verse 1 Blessed be Your name In the land that is plentiful Where Your streams of abundance flow Blessed be Your name

Verse 2 Blessed be Your name When I'm found in the desert place Though I walk through the wilderness

Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll Turn back to praise When the darkness closes in Lord Still I will say

Chorus Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your glorious name

Verse 3 Blessed be Your name When the sun's shining down on me When the world's all as it should be Blessed be Your name

Verse 4 Blessed be Your name On the road marked with suffering Though there's pain in the offering Blessed be Your name

Bridge You give and take away You give and take away My heart will choose to say Lord blessed be Your name Beth Redman, Matt Redman CCLI Song #3798438 © 2002 Thankyou Music For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com CCLI License #330023

Prayer of Invocation

God, you are our refuge. You are the shore in sight, you are hands that reach out, you are the ground on which to rest.

God, you are our strength. You are the life we long for, you are the refusal to give up, you are the keys of home we carry with us.

God, you are our help in times of trouble. We call on you from the ruins and the rubble, We call on you from the wilderness and the deep, We call on you to meet us in this place.

"Here I Am to Worship" (3266032)

Verse 1 Light of the world You stepped down into darkness Opened my eyes let me see Beauty that made This heart adore You Hope of a life spent with You Chorus So here I am to worship Here I am to bow down Here I am to say that You're my God And You're altogether lovely Altogether worthy Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2 King of all days Oh so highly exalted Glorious in heaven above Humbly You came To the earth You created All for love's sake became poor

Bridge And I'll never know how much it cost To see my sin upon that cross And I'll never know how much it cost To see my sin upon that cross

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Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, as you have confessed, do you so believe? The good news is that there is nothing we do that can conquer us, for we are sheltered in God's gracious mercy and hope.

This is the truth we believe. The Word is in our hearts, and on our lips, as we give thanks to God who is our shelter and our life.

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" (4768151)

Verse 1 Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me I once was lost but now I'm found Was blind but now I see

Verse 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

Chorus My chains are gone I've been set free My God my Savior has ransomed me And like a flood His mercy rains Unending love amazing grace

Verse 3 The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow The sun forbear to shine But God who called me here below Will be forever mine Will be forever mine You are forever mine

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Passing the Peace

Ministry Opportunities, Celebrations & Concerns

"May the Words of My Mouth" (3232310)

Verse 1 May the words of my mouth And the thoughts of my heart Bless Your name Bless Your name Jesus And the deeds of the day And the truth in my way Speak of You speak of You Jesus

Chorus For this is what I'm glad to do It's time to live a life of love that pleases You And I will give my all to You Surrender everything I have and follow You I'll follow You

Verse 2 Lord will You be my vision Lord will You be my Guide Be my hope be my life and the Way And I'll look not for riches Nor praises on the earth Only You'll be the first of my heart

Bridge I will follow I will follow You I will follow I will follow You (REPEAT)

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Prayer of Dedication

Luke 4:1-13

"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" #254

1 Jesus walked this lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself; O, nobody else could walk it for him, he had to walk it by himself.

2 Jesus prayed for his disciples;he prayed alone for you and me.O, nobody else could bear such sorrow;he prayed alone for you and me.

3 Jesus died on Calvary's mountain;he died alone for you and me.O, nobody else could die for sinners;he had to die for you and me.

4 Jesus rose from death's dark prison;he lives again for you and me.O, nobody else could bring us victory;he is alive to set us free.

Prayer of the People

Romans 10:8b-13

HEARTY WORDS

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #72

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as thou has been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided-great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. [Refrain]

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

Benediction