

The Word of God comes to us to awaken our hearts. We begin by praying: God our Father, source of all light, you have sent your Son into the world, to reveal yourself to all your children. Send your Spirit upon us now, that we may meet Jesus in the Word that comes from you. May we come to know him, may we come to love him more deeply and so be drawn closer to the happiness of your Kingdom. Amen.

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.

HEARING - Speak Lord, your servants are listening! You have the words of eternal life!

We read the passage 2-3 times. Reflect and share on some of the following:

1. What words stand out for you in this passage? What disturbs you? What consoles you?
2. Who leads Jesus into the desert and what happens to him there?
3. How is Jesus presented in this passage?
4. How does Jesus respond to the devil?



HAPPENING - Speak Lord, your servants are listening! In the Light of the Word we look at our lives.

We read the passage again and reflect on some of the following:

1. 'One does not live by bread alone.' What really sustains us in our lives? A person? A hope? A relationship?
2. 'To you I will give their glory ...' Who or what gives us our status or our sense of importance?
3. 'for forty days...' What puts us to the test? What brings us through?



Let us see O Lord your mercy and give us your saving help.