**Inverurie West Church Morning Worship ~ Jan 15 2023**

**Welcome**

Thank you for joining our Sunday worship with Inverurie West Parish Church. Whether you are joining us online or in-person; as a newcomer, occasional visitor, or regular, we are delighted to have you with us. This morning we continue our exploration of Jesus’ life as portrayed in the gospel of Matthew. Today we will be reading the passage where Jesus is tempted by the devil and considering whether or not our faith makes us handle temptation differently.

**Call to worship**

**Dear Lord and Father of mankind (CH4 485)**

**Opening prayer (including Lord’s prayer)**

Our heavenly father

May your holy name be honoured

May your kingdom come

May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today what we really need

Forgive us the wrong we do

as we forgive those who wrong us

Lead us away from temptation

Keep us safe from evil

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours forever

Amen

**Intro to the Word**

**Jesus is the name we honour (CH4 481)**

**Reading: Matthew 4: 1-17 read by Joyce Petrie**

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

4 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 6 “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written:

“‘He will command his angels concerning you,  
    and they will lift you up in their hands,  
    so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’”

7 Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 9 “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”

10 Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

12 When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. 13 Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— 14 to fulfil what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

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“Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,  
    the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,  
    Galilee of the Gentiles—

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the people living in darkness  
    have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of the shadow of death  
    a light has dawned.”

17 From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

**Reflection**

**It’s me, it’s me, it’s me, O Lord (CH4 493)**

**Prayer**

**News**

**Seek ye first (CH4 641)**

**The Grace**

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

**Blessing**

**Closing music**

**News**

**Guild** Some extras left over from the Guild Bring and Buy sale will be available to buy after the service today.

**Kirk Session** - next meeting is Thursday 19 January at 730pm.

**Foodbank Wish list -** Many local people on the lowest incomes are being left with no option but to use the food bank. The newest figures from the Trussell Trust predict food banks across the UK are about to face the hardest winter yet. The local Foodbank is doing everything in their power to provide people with practical support and a warm, non-judgmental welcome. This month theyare currently in particular need of: t**inned fish, tinned fruit, tinned custard, instant mash, tinned spaghetti/macaroni, jam/marmalade/chocolate spread**

**Practical help** - if you, or anyone you know need shopping, errands etc done. We have lots of volunteers keen to help. For assistance ring Joyce Petrie on 01467 620932 or email [help@inveruriewestchurch.org](mailto:help@inveruriewestchurch.org)

For prayer requests, joys and concerns, or content which you would like shared on Sunday, please email Rhona on [r.cathcart@inveruriewestchurch.org](mailto:r.cathcart@inveruriewestchurch.org) by Saturday night, or you can text her on her mobile.

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