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Liturgical Date: Year C, Lent 1, 6th March 2022

Presenter Miriam Pepper

Focus Readings Luke 4:1-13

Message 6 minutes 40 seconds

“Making Space for Lent”

Discussion Starters

- 1** In what ways does the tempting of Jesus speak to you?
- 2** How have you experienced the practices of Lent in your life?
- 3** How does/might your faith community make a space to reflect on its ministries?
- 4** Where do you see liberation for those who are suffering in your community?

Lectionary readings for the day

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Instructions for the offering of the first fruits. Verse 1 is a reminder at the outset of the abundance of God that engulfs us. Having been given such a great gift (land, salvation) we first offer back to God.

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16 The psalmist sings to God the protector. Dwelling in God’s land means refuge from evil, and safety in the midst of danger.

Romans 10:8b-13 Calling on the name of the Lord means salvation. There is power to confessing with our lips, to calling on God. Speaking this truth somehow manifests its reality.

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All Age Message Catherine Beeton ***“Being thankful ”***

Length 3 minutes 50 seconds

Precis of AAM

After returning to the Promised Land, the Israelites, showed their thankfulness, by giving the first produce they grew away. We hear a story about being ‘Thankful’ by Eileen Spinelli. We all have things to be thankful for, each brings us closer to God.

Resources **Uniting in Worship (Blue Book).** Psalm 91:1-2,9-16. Page 312-313.

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