



# WESLEY UNITING CHURCH, FORREST, ACT

## Lent 1 : Sunday 9th March : 9am

**Welcome**

**Acknowledgement of Country and Safe Space**

**Lighting the Community Candle**

**Call to Worship**

**A time of Silence**

**Song:** *Trisha Watts, Wellsprings*

Come rest and wait in the wilderness  
Listen and see with your heart (x3)

**Prayers:** Thanksgiving and Confession

**Peace**

**Children**

**Gospel:** Luke 4: 1-13  
Verses alternating with song 'The Temptations' - Jade McFaul (Soloist)

**Table reflections:** Please turn over to the back page

**Pastoral Prayers**

**Ashes**

**Sending:** 494 ATW For you, deep stillness *Words: Julie Perrin, Music Robin Mann*

For you, deep stillness of the silent inland;  
for you, deep blue of the desert skies;  
for you, flame red of the rocks and stones;  
for you, sweet water from hidden springs.  
From the edges seek the heartlands,  
and when you're burnt by the journey,  
may the cool winds of the hovering Spirit  
soothe and replenish you.

In the name of Christ.  
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**Offerings**

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## Table Reflections

Would we last 40 days in the desert?

Reflect on the temptations or testing of Jesus in the alien place of sun, sand and silence: A place of pilgrimage and preparation, but also a place of interruption and challenge to His calling: How do we navigate our faith journey when we also find ourselves in wilderness places – tested and tempted by pressures of modern living?

Here is an opportunity to explore, stretch and share God's Word in a different way:  
**Silently read the text and note any word that speaks to you personally:**

What did you see and discover in the wilderness space?

Was there a word that challenged, or a fresh insight gained?

a word of warning or risk to explore?

a word of testing boundaries or confidence?

**If you are comfortable share your word, without comment**

## LUKE 4: 1-13 The Temptations of Jesus

Jesus is led into the wilderness and for 40 days and nights. He is tested by Satan and in all that time he had nothing to eat – alone and weak from hunger.

**The Tempter says,**

“If You are God's son use Your power, turn these barren stones to bread”

**Jesus says:-** “It takes more than bread to really live”

Jesus is tested to worship possessions and prestige.

**The tempter says,**

“Use your influence, pay me respect and everything is Yours!”

**Jesus says:-** “Lives will be richer by serving only God, not by power and wealth..”

Jesus is tested to perform spectacular stunts.

**The tempter says,**

“Take a chance, jump! Angels will catch You when You fall or fail!”

**Jesus says:-** “ Don't dare try testing God with empty magic tricks”

After the Tempter tries everything to break the spirit of Jesus, he leaves – waiting for a weak moment at another time!

**Preacher:** Rev Dr Geoff Dornan | **Liturgist:** Lorraine Clode  
**Music Coordinator:** Jade McFaul | **Reader:** Lorraine Billingham  
**Duty Elder:** Sonia Di Mezza | **Stewards:** Robert James & Jill Walker  
**Sound:** Robert James | **Morning Tea:** Maggie Chan & Cindy Ong | **Flowers:** Bethel Webb  
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