

THE TEMPTATION IN THE DESERT

Welcome: Anne

Introduction: Elaine

Opening Prayer: God our Father, we are like Jesus in the desert, openly tempted by all manner of sin and betrayal of your trust and love. During this Lenten season bring us back to You with our daily encounter with your Son Jesus Christ. Help us to make Him the center of our lives so we can resist the lure of the tempter. "Give us faith, Lord...be our hope, Lord...teach us love, Lord" so we can truly be called your sons and daughters. Amen

Opening Song: Give us Faith, Lord by Dan Schutte (p.2)

Scripture Reading: MaryEllen Matthew 4:1-11

Reflection: Elaine

Individual contemplation time: 10 minutes

What, in Matthew's telling of the temptation of Jesus, particularly "spoke" to you?
What did you see, hear, or feel?

Sharing: 2-3 minutes each with Eileen Luddy as moderator

Closing prayer from Walking the Sacred Path by Dan Schutte

Great and wonderful God,
I stand before you as your humble servant,
wanting to hear your voice
and needing your help to guide my life.
Grant me the grace, Lord,
to recognize when it is you who are
speaking in my life
and when it is the Evil Spirit
taunting and seducing me. Amen

Closing song: For You Are My God by John Foley, S.J. (p. 2 reverse side)