

Choices and Promises
February 14, 2016

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

LOOK

We make choices all the time in every aspect of our lives. We are tempted to dwell on the choices that didn't turn out so well.

1. Share a great choice you made recently. What were the options and how did you make the decision? Why did it turn out well?
2. How does your faith help you look at choices and sort through them?

BOOK

Luke 4:1-13

1. What is the purpose of Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness?
2. Why does the devil's quoting of scripture ring hollow? What is the difference in Jesus' quoting of scripture?
3. What makes an "opportune time" for the devil?

TOOK

Canon Linda handed out pieces of paper with our baptismal covenant promises and asked us to consider making one of them a particular focus this Lent. Which one speaks to you and how might you address it? Here they are again (p. 304 in BCP):

1. Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?
2. Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
3. Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
4. Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
5. Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?