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Hudi duh skuša Jezusa - Jezusov odgovor

Hudobni duh je neizmerno bister. Človeku prikazuje življenje kot uživanje, uspešnost in pomembnost. Jezus pa nam govori o križu. Kljub temu, da smo se dokopali do marsikatero življenjske modrosti, se težko odločimo, kateremu izmed njiju bomo zares sledili. Stalno smo v skušnjavah. Skušnjave pa imajo en sam namen: da bi nas ločile od Boga in od bližnjega, da bi nam vzele ljubezenski odnos, tisto pristnost, lepoto, domačnost, po kateri hrepenimo. Kako premagovati skušnjave, nam v današnjem evangeliju pokaže Jezus.

Postni čas je po svoji naravi podoben puščavi, v kateri se dogaja pripoved o Jezusovih skušnjavah. Podobno kot puščava človeka usmeri na bistveno, ga razgali vsega nakopičenega, odvečnega in nečimrnega ter ga usmerja le k nekaterim bistvenim stvarim (voda, hrana, prava pot, zatočišče pred soncem), tako nas tudi postni čas vodi k bistvu krščanskega obstoja. K tej usmeritvi nas danes vabi s tremi svetopisemskimi odlomki, med seboj povezanimi z občutljivo, vendar temeljno vsebino o izpovedani veri, korenini osebne in skupne izkušnje božjega ljudstva.

Naše svetopisemsko branje se namreč začinja z najstarejšo izraelsko izpovedjo vere. Puščava se za nekaj dni ogrne kot z nežno tančico zele- nja, obdelana polja ponujajo prve sadove in s tem, ko jih Hebrejec v žrtveni daritvi podarja Bogu, izpoveduje svojo vero v Stvarnika in Gospo- da zgodovine. Njegova izpoved vere se vrti okrog treh temeljnih poudar- kov: poklicanost očakov, »blodečih Aramejcev«, podaritev svobode po boleči izkušnji egiptovskega zatiranja ter dar obljubljenе dežele, to je svobodne domovine, kjer se »cedita mleko in med«.

V vsej tej tematiki je odločilno dejstvo: Bog se ne razodeva v mistič- nih videnjih, ne pojavlja se sredi z zlatom obdanih nebes, temveč se skri- va v zemeljskem prahu. Verovati torej nikakor ne pomeni sodelovati pri neki čudaški duhovnosti; vera ni nikoli odmaknjena miselna pustolov- ščina, temveč je potovanje k bistvu naše zgodovine. Tu je tisto, kjer se pojavi »učlovečeni« Bog.

Najpopolnejša oblika izpovedi vere je v Svetem pismu torej zahvala Bogu za navzočnost med nami, za njegovo razodevanje v vsakdanjosti,

za njegovo nežno in »v rodila segajočo« ljubezen do človeštva, za njegova odrešenijska dela, ki jih lahko prepoznamo le z očiščenimi očmi.

Najpopolnejši odgovor v veri je v neprestanem prizadevanju za bratsko ljubezen. Od izraelske veroizpovedi se preselimo k pripovedi o skušnjavah, o izpovedi zaupanja Očetu in njegovemu odrešenijskemu načrtu, ki ga je Kristus trikrat izpovedal. Za Luka pri skušnjavah ni središčna »zelo visoka gora« kot pri Mateju, temveč Jeruzalem, mesto, h katerem teži ves Lukov evangelij. Jeruzalem je središče Kristusovega življenja, tudi vrhunec njegovega preizkušanja in izraz njegovega zaupanja. Tam se namreč dopolni tudi največja preizkušnja njegovega mesijanskega poslanstva: Jezus se bo moral namreč odpovedati poslednji izbiri, odrešenju, ki ga ne bo dosegel z bleščečo zunanostjo, temveč z izjemnim uboštvom križa. Če bi namreč Jezus podlegel tej skušnjavi, bi tudi zavrgel svoje popolno zaupanje Očetu in mi bi izgubili vero v resničnega Odrešenika. Vendar Jezus na vrhu templja razglša svojo dokončno pritrditev Očetu in s tem postaja tudi za vernika svetla podoba svetopisemske vere, ki je polna in popolna izročitev Bogu in njegovemu načrtu.

Tako prihajamo k tretji izpovedi vere, k veroizpovedi, ki jo Pavel navaja v Pismu Rimljanom. Apostol v njej opisuje odmev Cerkve, ki izpoveduje svojo velikonočno vero v dveh vzporednih izrazih. Prva izpoved je: »Jezus je Gospod.« V grški obliki Stare zaveze »Gospod (Kyrios) pomeni svetost in neizgovorljivost Boga samega. Drugi izraz je še bolj pomenljiv: »Bog ga je obudil od mrtvih.« Gre torej za veselo velikonočno oznanilo.

Ta vera, nadaljuje Pavel, je na voljo vsem, Judom in Grkom, in jo je treba izpovedati »z usti« in »s srcem«. Usta in srce, bogoslužje in življenje nikakor niso ločljivi drug od drugega. Jezuit Stanislas Lyonnet zapiše: »Z notranjo izročitvijo srca, to je vse duše, razumnosti in volje, je treba z vso skladnostjo primerjati zunanost in živost izpovedi te vere.« »Kdor koli bo klical Gospodovo ime, bo rešen.«

(Prim. Oznanjevalec -leto C_2006/7, šte. 3)

Response:

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

First Reading Deuteronomy 26:4-10

We are to walk in the ways of God and listen to God's voice.

Second Reading Romans 10:8-13

Paul says that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Gospel Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, like Moses before him, retreats into the wilderness, where he fasts for forty days and rejects the temptations put before him.

“You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.”



Illustration

Yeb Saño was a talented young Catholic Filipino diplomat – a Commissioner of the Philippines' Climate Change Commission – when a disaster in his home region of the Philippines prompted a career change. He had been attending a UN climate summit in Poland in 2013 when the news came that Typhoon Haiyan had devastated the city of Tacloban and surrounding areas. He wept and fasted for two weeks, as he heard news from family and friends in the area, before deciding that his life needed a change of direction.

The following year, he gave up his career as a diplomat. “I will be working with different faith groups across the world, as part of the larger global climate movement,” he said. He had seen communities suffering because of severe weather. Yet political and industrial leaders internationally were failing to act seriously on climate change to secure a safe and just future for all.



Later that year he was part of a People's Pilgrimage, which culminated in a sixty-day walk from Rome to Paris to arrive in time for the landmark UN climate change summit that saw the first serious international agreement to tackle climate change. He had a clear mission to work with people of faith on the climate crisis, which he felt hurt poor communities the most. He saw it as a moral issue.

Gospel Teaching

In today's Gospel, we see a Spirit-filled Jesus standing at the crossroads of his life. He enters the Judean wilderness. At that time this would have hosted lions, leopards, bears, jackals, foxes and antelope – this was before humans had driven most of these creatures into extinction in the Near East. It was here in the wilderness, away from human society, that Jesus accepted his messianic ministry. But what drew Jesus to the wilderness? The natural world played a key role in his teachings and life. He regularly returned to the hills to pray and commune with the Father, especially before making important decisions.

The devil knows that when Jesus leaves the wilderness he will embark on his public ministry, so now is the time to try to seduce him away from his mission. But Jesus shows his resolve. He uses this time to clarify his identity and the direction and work of his life. The devil challenges Jesus to produce bread from a stone, potentially solving poverty and hunger as a show of his strength. Instead, Jesus

will offer himself as living bread, to help transform his followers into people who would share the material resources they had with those in need. Jesus taught that wealth should not be hoarded but shared, and that frugality and living simply should go alongside caring for the natural world. Jesus rejects the temptation of political power, of becoming a leader who would overthrow the occupying Roman rulers. He resists the use of violence. And while he is urged to use a miracle to prove unambiguously that he is the Messiah, he rejects power again.

Application

Lent is a time of repentance and new beginnings. Jesus' experience teaches us that there is nothing wrong with being tempted. It's how we react to the temptation that matters. Temptation is less about a choice and more about our identity and direction in life. Think about the decisions before you at the moment. What are they? What is it you are really seeking? What brings you peace?

This Lent, let us look at the signs of our times, particularly the damage being done by destructive human behaviour to those who are poor and to the community of living things on earth. Christian churches have been waking up to the moral imperative to address justice, peace and care for creation. Could we get more involved in local initiatives, working for the common good of humanity and of the whole earth community? A transition to a more sustainable life will mean opting for a new way of living based on simplicity and sufficiency rather than endless consumption and the greed-driven accumulation of material possessions. We need to make a move to escape the materialism that seeps into our minds through incessant advertising. Somehow, we have to break this cycle because it makes us sin against our needy brothers and sisters and God's creation. Let us reject temptations of greed, selfishness and indifference towards our neighbours. God expects from us a maturity to accept responsibility for the future of our lives and the communities of which we are part.



Cilj naše kampanje je v treh letih zbrati vsoto \$200,000.00 za našo župnijo.

Nekateri še vedno ne razumejo, da vse, kar boste darovali preko te kampanje, bo prejela naša župnija in še 10% iz skupnega sklada. Škofijski uradi pa bodo vodili vse računovodske zadeve, tako, da nam ne bo potrebno tega dela urejati.

V Vestniku objavimo koliko ste »obljubili« da boste darovali za kampanjo **za našo župnijo preko škofijskega računa** in koliko je že dejansko »vplačanega«. Iz škofije so nam sedaj poslali kodo, da lahko sami pogledamo tekoče stanje na našem računu.

Na računu »Eno Srce, Ena Duša« za našo slovensko župnijo sv. Gregorija Velikega je:

\$124,843. - Pledged - March 4, 2022

\$99,878. - Paid - Mrch 4, 2022

Hvala vsem, ki ste že prispevali. Smo že krepko čez polovico zastavljenega cilja. Tokrat so se številke kar dvignile.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

2022 Lenten Letter



Full of the Holy Spirit

During the forty days of Lent, we recall the forty days that Jesus spent in the desert. Scripture tells us that when he went into the desert he was "full of the Holy Spirit." He had been baptized in the Jordan River by John and when he came out of the water the heavens opened and the Spirit descended upon him in the form of a dove. The voice of God was heard "This is my Son, the beloved. In him I am well pleased!" The Holy Spirit is the love between the Father and the Son.

"Full of the Holy Spirit", he went into the desert, ready for whatever awaited him there. For forty days he was tempted by the devil. Fundamentally, the tempter tried to convince him that as the Son of God, he had great power and did not need the Father, he could "go it alone"! He resisted the temptations — his relationship with the Father remained intact and strong. He was ready to begin his public ministry.

We are going to die — let us choose how we are going to live

Like Jesus, we too are loved by the Father! The same Spirit that filled Jesus enlivens us during the forty day Lenten journey of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Throughout Lent we consider what it means for us to "choose life" — aware always that we are going to die. ("Remember, you are dust, and you will return to dust! ")

Prayer and Fasting

All of the parishes in the Diocese of Hamilton offer many opportunities for prayer throughout Lent: Sunday and Weekday Masses, Stations of the Cross, Adoration, and devotions, both public and

private. For many, it is a Lenten practice to "give up" something for the 40-days of Lent — or, alternatively, to "take on" something extra. Consider giving up some time on social media and giving more time for family interaction or prayer. Spiritual reading is always a good way to strengthen one's faith.

Almsgiving

Since 1967, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has set aside the fifth Sunday of Lent as Solidarity Sunday. A special collection is taken up in support of the Canadian Catholic Organization of Development and Peace (CCODP). The Share Lent campaign is an important supporter of impoverished and oppressed partners in the Global South. Our almsgiving assures that they too "will live"! Please be generous in your support.

Donations can be made in the Sunday collection basket in your parish, online at www.devp.org/sharelent, by mailing a cheque, or by calling 1-888-234-8533.

May I suggest that an offering of \$1.00 per day x 40 days = \$40.00 is a generous donation? Those of greater means might choose to be more generous. God's love for us is always abundantly generous!

Dear friends, may Mary, Mother of the Church accompany us during these holy days. And may we reach out to those who suffer, most especially these days, the people of Ukraine!

*(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI
Bishop of Hamilton*

Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, 2022,

KRST - BAPTISM

Zakrament sv. krsta je, v soboto 5. marca 2022 v naši cerkvi, prejela **Emma Sophia Chlan**. Starša deklice sta oče Beau Chlan in mati Brittany roj. Taugher.

Iskrene čestitke staršema ob krstu prvega otroka. Naj ju spremlja božji blagoslov in priprošnja nebeške Matere Marije.



OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

ČIŠČENJE CERKVE - CLEANING OF THE CHURCH

March 12th Gosgnach team

March 19th Groznik, Erzar, Lukežič

March 26th Lojska Novak team

INCOME TAX POTRDILA

Če se je nehote prikradla kakšna napaka, mi prosim sporočite, da jo popravim. Kdor ni vzel potrdil prejšnji vikend, smo jih v ponedeljek poslali po pošti.

DIocese of Hamilton - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Evenings with His Excellency, Bishop Lobsinger – Join Auxiliary Bishop, Wayne Lobsinger, for Evenings with His Excellency, an opportunity to learn more and ask questions about our Catholic Faith. You may attend online or in person at Canadian Martyrs Parish, Hamilton, on the 2nd Friday of every month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, visit: <https://www.canadianmartyrshamilton.com/upcoming/2021/9/10/evenings-with-his-excellency>.

Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre is now open and accepting group and personal retreat bookings for 2022! With a large Chapel and acres of untouched green space Mount Mary is an ideal location for those seeking a retreat experience. Groups of all types are welcome for a day or for an overnight stay. For more information please visit: www.mountmary.ca.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH - Parenting Tip 138: Lent is a time of reflection for all Catholics and a perfect season to help children understand why we engage in prayer, works of charity, care for all and practising self-control, since all of these can bring us closer to God. Spend time on your Lenten journey as a family by attending Mass and discussing, in simple language, the readings you hear. Decide as a family on prayers and reflections to engage in each day of

Lent and together look at how your family might use their resources to give to others. Your children can bring hope to the hearts of others during Lent and their spiritual journey will be enhanced by your presence and guidance. Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH - Marriage Tip 118: The season of Lent is a perfect time to reflect on how we are living our lives according to God's call to discipleship and vocation. The vocation of marriage is an essential call since the Sacrament of Marriage is meant to be the visible sign or God's invisible love to the world. Lent then, is a perfect time to examine what you are bringing to your vocation, to see if forgiveness is readily available when needed and to contemplate whether you might make changes to better fulfill your call to marriage. As well, consider praying with your spouse, reflecting on a short Bible passage daily and working on holding anger during Lent, since all of these will strengthen your bond of love and bring you feelings of joy as the Easter season draws near. Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

SLOVENIAN EMBASSY OTTAWA

Please note that from March 1st, 2022, it is a new email: consular.ottawa@gov.si for all consular enquiries and transactions.

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SUNDAY MASSES

From Palm Sunday April 10, 2022 and on we will go back to two Sunday Masses. Slovenian at 9:30 a.m. and English at 11:00 a.m.

Od 10. aprila naprej, t.j. od Cvetne nedelje, bo mo zopet imeli ob nedeljah dve sveti maši: slovensko ob 9:30 a.m. in angleško ob 11:00 a.m.. Povejte tudi tistim, ki morda ne pridejo tako redno, da bodo vedeli za spremembo.

CONFIRMATION & FRIST COMMUNION

This year our celebration of both sacrament will take place on Sunday, May 29th, 2022, at 10:00 a.m..

The Most Rev. Bishop Douglas Crosby will be the celebrant. Please let us know ASAP which children would like to be part of celebration. You can email to me, drago.gacnik@gmail.com or Lorie Mramor: princesslorie2000@hotmail.com



V tem tednu so naslednje obletnice smrti faranov, ki so zapisani v naših knjigah:

Jelovčan	Alojz - Louis	March 7, 1995
Nedelko	Katarina	March 8, 1999
Vlašič	Matija	March 8, 2007
Ftičar	Jožef Karl	March 10, 2008
Peternel	Anton	March 10, 2010
Ostaneč	Louis	March 11, 1983
Fylypiw	Walter	March 11, 1988
Langenfus	Josef	March 11, 1995
Gričnik	Franc	March 11, 2001
Lovšin	Joseph	March 12, 1972
Dvoršak	Jakob	March 12, 1981
Čurič	Veronika	March 12, 2021
De Sarno	Sabato	March 13, 2010

CHANGES ...

We have some hopeful news with regards to COVID and parish protocols which have been shared with us directly by our diocese. In a memo from Chancellor Monsignor Murray Kroetsch the following is being implemented as of March 1st:

- Churches may open to full capacity (including parish halls and meeting rooms).
- Ropes can be removed.
- Masks continue to be required at all services by anyone two-years old and older.
- Social distancing mandates are no longer in place.
- All liturgical ministries may resume and vaccinations are no longer required.
- Congregational singing is permitted and choirs may resume but still wearing masks.
- Cantors may be unmasked, maintaining 3-meter distance from others


These reduced mandates will also affect how we can move forward with our parish events and hall rentals. Our direction is still being worked out – A discussion with these details will be shared with everyone at our OBCNI ZBOR/AGM which is scheduled for Sunday March 27th. We hope that with our 100% capacity now implemented, everyone will mark the AGM date of March 27th on their calendars and join us as we work towards the opening and getting back to normal of our parish.

We have waited a long time for these protocols to be relaxed and are grateful that we have made it through these difficult times. We also thank you all for your compliance and look forward to seeing our parish benches



SVETE MAŠE - MASS TIMES: Monday to Friday: 7:00 P.M., Saturday: 5:30 P.M. (Slovenian-Sunday Mass); Sunday: 10:00 A.M. (Slovenian-English - For the time of Covid-19 it is only one Mass on Sundays) - **KRSTI / BAPTISMS:** For an appointment, call one month before. **POROKE / MARRIAGE:** For an appointment, call one year before the wedding date. **SPOVED / CONFESSIONS:** First Friday of the month 6 -7:00 P.M. (or by appointment) **BOLNIKI** - Sporočite, če je kdo bolan ali v bolnišnici, da ga obiščemo. You are welcome to call for a personal conversation with your priest – please call for an appointment. Tel: 905-561-5971.

DON BOSCO 561-5971.

<p>1. POSTNA NEDELJA 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT 6. MAREC FRIDOLIN (MIROSLAV), OPAT</p>	<p>Za žive in rajne župljane † Jože Razpotnik, Sr. † Joe Hanc †† Frank, Matthew & Veronika (obl.) Čurič †† Ida in Jože Ftičar † Marija Dominko † Ida Ftičar † Rado Kokalj, 30. dan (Argentina)</p>	<p>10:00 A.M. ----- Anica Blas Žena Olga z družino Olga Hanc z družino Ana Gergyek Milka Pavlič Marjan in Elizabeth Hozjan Demšar, Scarcelli in Prudon Fam.</p>	
<p>PONEDELJEK - MONDAY 7. MAREC <i>Perpetua in Felicita, muč.</i></p>	<p>† Matija Vlašič, obl. † Janko Radočaj</p>	<p>7:00 P.M. Žena in Otroci Jožica Vlašič z družino</p>	
<p>TOREK - TUESDAY 8. MAREC <i>Janez od Boga, redovnik</i></p>	<p>† Veronika Čurič, obl. † Milka Cimermančič</p>	<p>7:00 P.M. Marijan & Elizabet Hozjan Jožica Novak</p>	
<p>SREDA - WEDNESDAY 9. MAREC <i>Frančiška rimska, red.</i></p>	<p>†† Štefan in Gizella Ray Božji Materi v priprošnjo</p>	<p>7:00 P.M. Family Ana Tadić</p>	
<p>ČETRTEK - THURSDAY 10. MAREC 40 mučencev</p>	<p>† Josef Ftičar, obl.</p>	<p>7:00 P.M. Marjan & Elizabet Hozjan</p>	
<p>PETEK - FRIDAY 11. MAREC <i>Benedikt, škof</i></p>	<p>Križev pot - Stations of the Cross † Jože Langenfus, obl. † Milka Skale</p>	<p>6:30 P.M. 7:00 P.M. Žena Sonja Franc in Marija Tomšič</p>	
<p>SOBOTA - SATURDAY 12. MAREC <i>Justina, redovnica Doroteja, mučenka Gregorjevo - kvatre</i></p>	<p>†† Pavel in Paul Richard †† Terezija in Jože Yerič † Ana Nedelko † Ana Nedelko † Ana Nedelko † Ana Nedelko † Franc Raduha † Maks Pavlič † Tone Bajec, 30. dan</p>	<p>5:30 P.M. Helena Špiler Olga Čulig Marija in Jože Magdič z družino Mary in Rayan Tocher z družino Dragica in Lojze Ferenčak Ivan Nedelko z družino Ivan Nedelko z družino Alojz in Agata Sarjaš Mia Goodfellow & Family</p>	
<p>2. POSTNA NEDELJA 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT 13. MAREC KRISTINA, DEVICA-MUČENKA</p>	<p>Za žive in rajne župljane †† Paula in Franc Pelcar † Emilija Balažič † Izidor Fujs † Jože Lovšin, obl. † Stephanie Pust, obl. † Neil Lambert, obl. † Hilda Žigon</p>	<p>10:00 A.M. ----- Stan Pelcar & Josie Dubé z druž. Hči z družino Aranka Dundek Družina Pust Družina Pust Družina Pust Manja Erzetič</p>	