



DIOCESE OF ABERDEEN & ORKNEY

FROM ASHES TO FIRE: A JOURNEY FROM LENT TO PENTECOST

Wednesday 12th March 2025

Resources from the Arts - Trust & Obedience in God

On Tuesdays & Wednesdays we'll explore words from others and resources from the arts - music, art, poetry to help us reflect and engage deeper. The Christian Life involves many different actions, engagement with scripture and the world.

As you reflect on these images and pieces music what do they make you think about the theme of repentance and refection?

The full playlist of songs can be found at
<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/1rWKLwqgJD1kTr2pPwAUrP?si=4ae25d0843614711>



The music offered for reflection during this course will involve hymnody (old and new), music contemporary and classical and is suggested to provoke reflection.

- *Christ will be my Hideaway* by Sovereign Grace Music and *Desert Song* by Brooke Ligertwood. These songs speak of wilderness and God being with us during these times.
- *Forty Days and Forty Nights* by G.H. Smyttan. This hymn narrates Jesus' experiences in the wilderness, including the temptations. Sunday's Gospel was Luke's telling of this event.
- *BWV 737 "Vater unser im Himmelreich."* by J.S. Bach. This a chorale by Bach set for the First Sunday of Lent. One author speaks of this being a song of 'Trusting Faith'



*Briton Riviere (1840–1920) “The Temptation in the Wilderness”
Oil on Canvas, Guildhall Art Gallery, City of London.*

This image is of Jesus in the wilderness (Luke 4:1-13). Guildhall Art Gallery describe the painting as “*The white figure of Christ stands out against the rich glow of the sky, with both sky and figure focused by the gloom of the landscape. Underneath, barely visible, a lone fox stalks off to the left, so that even this sparse, atmospheric religious scene contains one of Riviere's animals.*”. What do you notice about sources of light in the painting? Does this resonate with you when you reflect on ‘wilderness’ times you have experienced?