



MidWeek Lent 5

2020

RESPONSES

P: Jesus Christ is the light of the world;

C: **the light no darkness can overcome.**

P: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening.

C: **and the day is almost over.**

P: Be our light and scatter the darkness.

C: **and hear our evening word of praise.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, God created us to know joy in communion with him, to love all humanity, and to live in harmony with all creation. But sin separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, and so we do not enjoy the life our Creator intended for us. By our sin we grieve our Father, who does not desire us to come under his judgment, but to turn to him and live. Therefore, God in his mercy has sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take our place under the law, to suffer for us, and to die the death we deserve. God made Jesus, who had no sin, to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Looking to Him alone for forgiveness, let us confess our sins and receive his forgiveness in these words from Isaiah...

P: "O Lord, be gracious to us; we long for you.

C: **Be our strength every morning, our salvation in time of distress."** *(Isaiah 33:2)*

P: "You have burdened me with your sins and wearied me with your offenses," says the Lord.

C: **"I am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more,"** says the Lord. *(Isaiah 43:24-25)*

P: Let us confess our sins against our gracious God.

C: **We confess, Lord, that we have failed to praise you for your glory or thank you for your goodness as we ought. We have placed our trust in self and wealth rather than in your promise and power.**

- P: Let us confess our sins against others.
- C: **We confess, Lord, that we have hurt others with our pride and our indifference. We have not loved those who are discouraged or provided for those who are in need.**
- P: Forgive us, Lord, for the sake of Jesus.
- C: **“He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.”** *(Isaiah 53:5)*
- P: **“You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you.”** *(Isaiah 55:12)*

PASSION HISTORY LESSON Matthew 26:69 to 27:10

Peter Disowns Jesus

SERMON TEXT

John 6:66-68

“THE REJECTED WARRIOR”

PRAYERS & LORD’S PRAYER

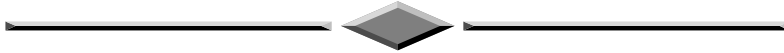
- P: Heavenly Father, source of all life, physical and spiritual, we who are beneficiaries of your grace thank you for rescuing our lives from sin and death, from joylessness and uselessness.
- C: **We call the span of our life our “time of grace.” Forgive us if we have interpreted that expression as merely the grace we have experienced, for our life-span is also the time you’ve allotted us for sharing your grace with others.**
- P: Move our hearts to use the talents and resources you’ve entrusted to us in the unfinished business of rescuing lost souls.
- C: **Encourage us to mentor the next generation of servant leaders and loving witnesses for the task of building Jesus’ kingdom.**
- P: When we get caught up in either the pleasures or the troubles of this world, call us back to an appreciation for what matters, with a focus on Jesus’ cross.
- C: **Give us a sobering understanding of the seriousness of sin, so that we abhor what distorts your will for our life. Give us a joyful appreciation for your mercy, so that our lives become the song of praise others hear.**
- P: If we must suffer, then give us the patience and courage of our Savior.
- C: **When our trials become greater than we can bear, replace them with your peace and your promise.**

(We’ll add in our special prayers for today...)

- P:** We conclude this time of prayer with the words our Savior gave us to pray.
- C:** **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

BLESSING

- P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C:** **Amen.**



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