



MidWeek Lent 6  
2020

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

(from CW, p. 52; modified & printed here)

### OPENING HYMN

**“Were You There?”**

CW #119 (on screen)

### 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 Psalm 143...

#### *Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P:** “O Lord, hear my prayer; listen to my cry for mercy.

**C:** **In your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.”**

**P:** “Do not bring your servant into judgment,

**C:** **For no one living is righteous before you.”**

**P:** “I spread out my hands to you;

**C:** **My soul thirsts for you like a parched land.”**

**P:** “Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you.

**C:** **Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.”**

**P:** “Teach me to do your will, for you are my God;

**C:** **May your good Spirit lead me on level ground.”**

**P:** We confess to you, O Lord, that we have not followed you in whole-hearted devotion.

**C:** **We have not loved your people as your new commandment asks of us.**

**P:** Forgive us and renew us, Lord.

**C:** **In you we trust. To you we turn.**

**P:** The God of all grace has forgiven your sin and credited to you the righteousness of his Son Jesus. You are his dearly loved children.

**C:** **AMEN.**

**PASSION HISTORY LESSON:** Matthew 27:11-26

Jesus before Pilate

**SERMON TEXT** John 18:36-38

**“THE WOUNDED WARRIOR”**

**PRAYERS & LORD’S PRAYER:**

**P:** Heavenly Father, you parent us with warnings to keep us from going astray. But much more you love us and forgive us when we do go astray.

**C:** **Teach us to heed your warnings, even if the lessons are hard. Move us to treasure your forgiveness and share it with others.**

**P:** Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, preserve us from naïve vulnerability to the temptations and distractions of this world. But preserve us also from the cynicism that refuses to see you at work in this world.

**C:** **If we must suffer for your name, then strengthen us to face the persecution with conviction. Use our witness in tough times to lead others to you.**

**P:** We ask a rich measure of power and peace for our brothers and sisters around the world who are suffering as Christians.

**C:** **Remind them of your promises and be with them in your power to sustain them.**

**P:** We ask you, Lord, to bring peace to the hearts and healing to the bodies of our friends and loved ones who are ill (special prayers)...

**P:** We now join in the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**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.**

**CLOSING HYMN:** “Glory Be to Jesus”

CW # 103:1-5

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