

Third Mid-week Service March 19, 2025
“Jesus the True Light”

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: “Jesus, Refuge of the Weary” 423

*Jesus, refuge of the weary, Blest Redeemer, whom we love, Fountain of life’s desert dreary,
Savior from the world above; Often have Your eyes, offended, Gazed upon the sinner’s fall;
Yet upon the cross extended, You have borne the pain of all.*

*Jesus, is the Light from heaven, Bringing grace to all His own. Offering His loving mercy
So all sinners will be known. By the Father whose in heaven, As His own dear children true
By the work of the Lord Jesus On the Cross He did renew!*

Invocation: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C:** Amen!

P: God the Father, chose His only Son **C:** *As the Messiah who would Redeem His people!*

P: God chose the Plan to bring hope to the world **C:** *His own Son would Redeem His own!*

P: There was only one source of hope **C:** *It was through the action of the only True Son!*

P: God alone can redeem His people **C:** *He alone can pay the price for our sin!*

P: Paying for our sin could only be done **C:** *If the perfect sacrifice was given on our behalf!*

P: Jesus Christ is our Redeemer **C:** *The One who paid the price of His own blood for salvation
to be assured for all His own.*

Psalmody: Psalm 27: 1-5

P: The Lord is my light and my salvation--whom shall I fear? **C:** *The Lord is the stronghold of
my life—of whom shall I be afraid?*

P: When evil men advance against me, to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes
attack me, **C:** *They will stumble and fall.*

P: Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; **C:** *Though war break out against me,
even then will I be confident.*

P: One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek; **C:** *That I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple.*

P: For in the day of trouble He will keep me safe in His dwelling; **C:** *He will hide me in the
shelter of His tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.*

ALL: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and You have willingly devised a Plan which depended entirely upon the Work of Your Son alone, help us gracious Lord to trust in You and place our hope in the True Light that You have sent on our behalf; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **C:** *Amen.*

Hymn: *Tune 433 “God the Light of heaven!”*

God the Light of Heaven! Sent from God above.
One who shed His own blood By His wondrous love.

God chose to give His Son As the One who’d die.
He’d pay for all sinners With a final sigh!

Jesus Light of all Hope! Chosen to proclaim,
Hope to all the nations Through His sacred Name!

Humbly grant us wisdom Insight from Your Word
Lead us with Your Spirit So Your truths are heard.

Lessons:

O. T. Lesson: *Isaiah 60: 1-3 “Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and His glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.*

Gospel Lesson: *John 1: 4-5, 9-13 “In Him was life, and that life was the light of man. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.*

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him. He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him. Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.”

Hymn: *Tune 445*

God the Father chose to save us With a Plan to cleanse our sin.
It was not from works that we'd do But the Cross where He would win.
From His grace He'd freely give us Life in Him forevermore.
Bringing hope to all the sinners Who in faith walked through His "door".

Jesus is **Light from heaven**, Granting Light into our soul
Cleansing us from sin and darkness Blessed by Him so all will know.
He is Lord, He is our Savior, He's the King from up above
He will stand in heaven forever Bringing to His own His love.

God the Father planned salvation Through the work of His own Son
He would rescue all those sinners Who'd be bound to Him as One.
God the Father placed in motion All the work that must be done
To bring life and hope forever And bring honor to His Son.

Sermon- *"Jesus the True Light"*

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Hymn: *"Jesus, Refuge of the Weary" 423*

Jesus is the our True Redeemer, He is the Light of the World
He illumines us with wisdom Bringing Light from His own Word
He grants sight where there is darkness He grants hope so all may see
His love has been boldly given Through the work done on a Tree.

Jesus may our hearts be burning With more fervent love for You;
May our eyes be ever turning To behold Your Cross a-new
Till in glory, parted never From the blessed Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever, Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

Closing Prayer: - *Gracious Father, we humbly thank and praise You for giving to us the gift of Your Son, who willingly came as the Redeemer who would walk the path to the Cross. Lead us Lord to rejoice in the blessing we have received and may Your grace guide us in willingly forgiving others as You have forgiven us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.*

Benediction

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