# **Opening Prayer**

## **Opening Hymn:** "The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns" 532 vs. 1-3

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.

**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 what You have done 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 true Redeemer!"* 

God the true Redeemer! 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 our Redeemer! 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 41: 8-10, 13-14 "But you, O Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, you descendants of Abraham my friend, I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, 'You are My servant'; I have chosen you and have not rejected you. So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

I am the LORD, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you. Do not be afraid, O worm Jacob, O little Israel, for I Myself will help you," declares the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 1: 68-75 "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because He has come to His people and redeemed His people. He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David (as He said through His holy prophets of long ago), salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us—to show mercy to our fathers and to remember His holy covenant, the oath He swore to our father Abraham: to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve Him without fear in holiness and righteousness before Him all our days.

### 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 the **true Redeemer** Paid the price so we might be Freed from sin and condemnation Blessed by Him to always see 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 Redeemer"

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "The Head that Once was Crowned with Thorns" 532 vs. 4-6

**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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