

Midweek Lenten Service

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AS WE GATHER

As we journey through this Lenten season and the days of Holy Week, we hear the voice of God the Father thundering down from heaven. In today's Reading from John 12, Jesus encourages us to walk in His light, lest darkness overtake us. Consider how blessed we are that Jesus allowed Himself to be overtaken by darkness so that we might walk forever in His marvelous light.

HYMN # 878 – Abide With Me Vs 1-3

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: As we turn our eyes to Holy Week, we behold Jesus' final public appearance before His trial and crucifixion.

People: **He says that His soul is troubled.**

Pastor: He prays, "Father, glorify Your name."

People: **The Father's voice echoes from the heavens.**

Pastor: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

People: **Jesus tells the people He will be lifted up, pointing them to the cross.**

Pastor: The people fail to understand who Jesus is.

People: **But He encourages them to walk in the light, lest darkness overtake them.**

Pastor: Then He hid Himself from them.

People: **Lord, grant that we walk in the light of Christ, lest darkness overtake us.**

Psalm 13 *A psalm of David.*

¹ How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?

² How long must I wrestle with my thoughts
and day after day have sorrow in my heart?
How long will my enemy triumph over me?

³ Look on me and answer, Lord my God.
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,

⁴ and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him,"
and my foes will rejoice when I fall.

⁵ But I trust in your unfailing love;
my heart rejoices in your salvation.

⁶ I will sing the Lord's praise,
for he has been good to me.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended

from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

READING *1 Peter 2:1–10*

(Christ has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.)

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

READING *John 12:23–36*

(Jesus makes His final public appearance before His trial and crucifixion.)

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

HYMN #560 - “Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed”

COLLECTS

Pastor: O Lord, hear my prayer.

People: **And let my cry come to You.**

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, grant us by Your grace so to pass through this holy time of our Lord’s passion that we may obtain the forgiveness of our sins;

Lord in Your mercy.
People: Hear our Prayer

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, You are the light of the world that has shined in our darkness. Guide our footsteps to walk in Your light and be freed from the darkness of the evil one, so that we might reflect Your light to others who still sit in darkness; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

KYRIE

People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

**People: 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.**

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of
God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you
all.

People: Amen.

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