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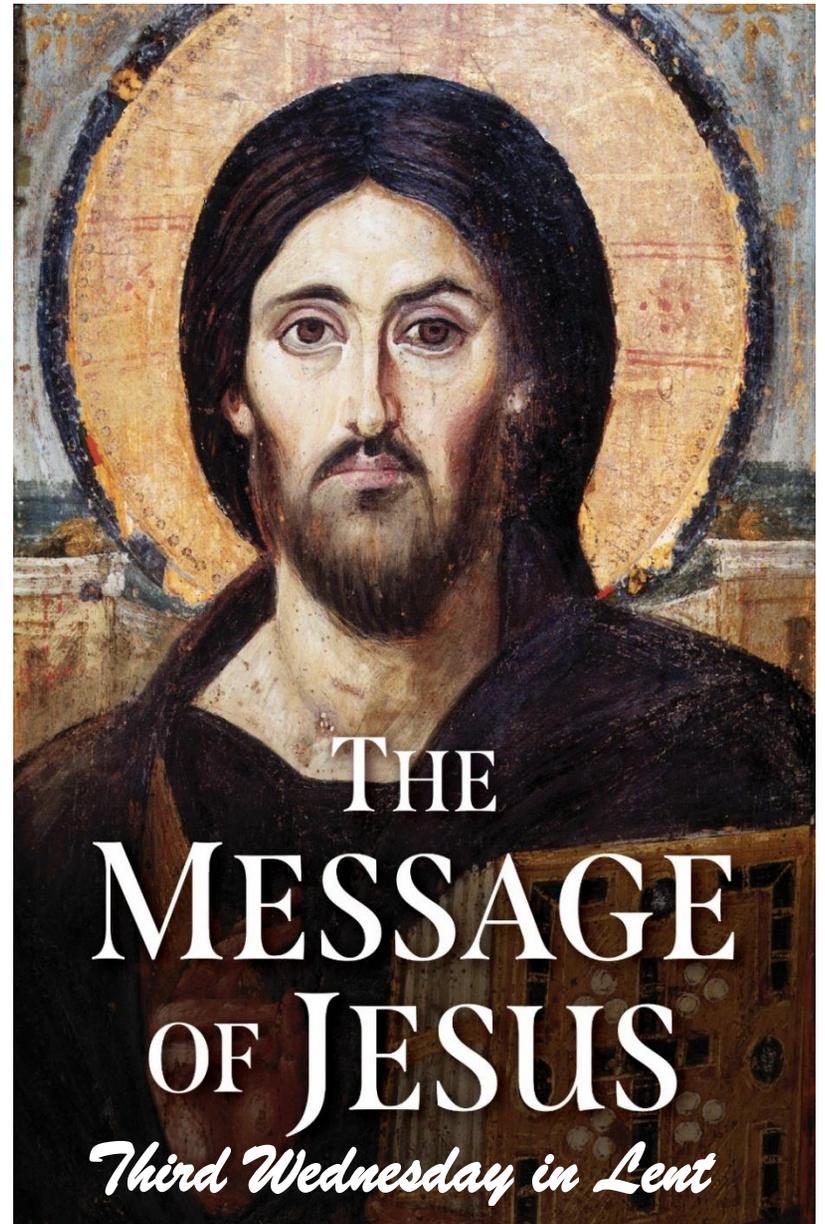
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The World's Most Important Sermon

GREETING

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.

People: Happy are those who keep God’s decrees, who seek God with their whole heart.

Pastor: Make us understand the way of your precepts, O God, and we will meditate on your wondrous works.

People: Put false ways far from us, O God, and graciously teach us your law. Amen.

OPENING HYMN NO. 405...“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, as we search our hearts through this season of Lent, we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from those in need. We have not lifted up the lowly. We have strayed from your will. We have failed to do the things you have called us to do. We have looked on others with judgment rather than compassion. Forgive us, we pray. Lift us out of our sin and fill our hearts with your goodness and love. See us as we are. Show us mercy and remember us today. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor: Hear the good news. The Son of Man came to seek and save the lost, and there is joy in heaven when even one sinner repents. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

ENGAGING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE.....Matthew 5:1-16, Matthew 7:21-23

MESSAGE.....“The World’s Most Important Sermon”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Creator, who made me and all things, who set me on my path in this world.

I believe in God the Savior, who is one with the Creator, who rescued me and all creation from the depredations of our violations against God and creation.

This man, Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ, walked a path through this world, taking on human form having been born of a woman through the power of the Holy Spirit.

He lived and worked in this world among people just like me. He walked God’s path to death on a cross, and rose from the dead to open our pathway to eternal life.

I believe in God the Holy Spirit, my counselor and guide, who is one with the Creator and the Christ, who through the body and blood of Jesus brings me into communion with all people, past, present and future; who calls me to walk a sacred way of life through this world, caring for creation and the people I meet on the way, loving them, helping them, welcoming them without prejudice, being God’s hands and feet in the world.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

GOING WITH THE WORD

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN NO. 457.....“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

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