

P: We come with a deep sense of our guilt before You, O Lord, and plead nothing but Your mercy, and the love of Jesus, our Savior. You know that we are dust, and have no power of ourselves. We have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We come confessing our sins, renouncing them, and praying for Your grace and forgiveness in the cross of Christ. We pray in His name. **C: Amen.**

Opening Hymn 428: Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow

STAND

- **P:** O Lord, open my lips.
- C: And my mouth shall declare your praise.
- P: Hasten to save me, O God.
- C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.
- **P:** The Lord be with you.
- P: And also with you.
- **P:** Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

BE SEATED

Psalm 51:1-12 (EHV)

P: Be gracious to me, God, according to your mercy. C: Erase my acts of rebellion according to the greatness of your compassion.

P: Scrub me clean from my guilt. C: Purify me from my sin.

P: For I admit my rebellious acts. C: My sin is always in front of me.

P: Against you, you only, have I sinned, **C: and I have done this evil in your eyes.**

P: So you are justified when you sentence me. C: You are blameless when you judge.

P: Certainly, I was guilty when I was born. **C: I was sinful when my mother conceived me.**

P: Since you desire truth on the inside,

C: in my hidden heart you teach me wisdom.

P: Remove my sin with hyssop, and I will be clean. C: Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

P: Let me hear joy and gladness. C: Let the bones you have crushed celebrate.

P: Hide your face from my sins. C: Erase all my guilty deeds.

P: Create in me a pure heart, O God. C: Renew an unwavering spirit within me.

P: Do not cast me from your presence.C: Do not take your Holy Spirit from me.

P: Restore to me the joy of your salvation. C: Sustain me with a willing spirit.

Prayer

P: Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that our sins of thought, word, and deed deny Your Lordship over us. Forgive us all our sins and give us strength each day to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow You; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Hymn 767: Jesus, Remember Me

Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom. Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom. (repeat)

Lesson: Passion history part IV.

Hymn 419: Savior, When in Dust to Thee

Sermon: 2 Kings 24:18-25:7

KING OF KINGS: Zedekiah: The King Who Turned Out the Lights

Hymn 531: Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

Offering

Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Dismissal in Peace

P: The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last. **C: Amen.**

P: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, **C: to sing praise to Your name, O Most High;**

- P: To herald your love in the morning,
- C: Your truth at the close of the day.
- P: Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace. The blessing of almighty God—the Father, who saw mankind's hopeless condition, the Son, who showed the depth of God's love, and the Holy Spirit, who has opened our eyes of faith in Christ—be upon you now and forever
- C: Amen.
- M: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Closing hymn 878: Abide with Me