

*Ash Wednesday Service March 5, 2025*  
*“Jesus the Messiah”*  
*“Corporate Confession and Absolution” p. 290*

*(Ashes Applied to each individual as they enter the Sanctuary)*

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymn:** *“O Christ, You Walked the Road”* 424

**Liturgy begins on page 290:**

**Choir:** *Duet “Lenten Meditation”*

**Collect:** Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; 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 Lord, Messiah!”*

God the Lord, Messiah! Sent from God above.  
Sent to save His people 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!

Christ our Lord Messiah 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 11: 1-10 A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—and He will delight in the fear of the LORD.*

*He will not judge by what He sees with His eyes, or decide by what He hears with His ears; but with righteousness He will judge the needy, with justice He will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth; with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked. Righteousness will be His belt and faithfulness the sash around His waist.*

*The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The infant will play near the hole of cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.*

*In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to Him, and His resting place will be glorious.*

**Gospel Lesson:** *John 4: 21-26* Jesus declared, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is Spirit, and His worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

*The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When He comes, He will explain everything to us."*

*Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am He."*

**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".

God's own gift of **His Messiah** The One promised long ago.  
He would be the one whose Chosen To bring hope for all who 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- "Messiah- God's Chosen One"**

**Prayers**        *///*        **Lord's Prayer**        *///*        **Blessing of Elements**

**Distribution**

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**Distribution Hymns:** 631, 610 vs. 4, 5

**Closing Prayer:** - *Gracious Father, we are bound in sin and have no means to cleanse ourselves. We humbly thank and praise You for giving to us the gift of Your Son, who willingly came as the Messiah 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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**Karen Whitehead, Organist**

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