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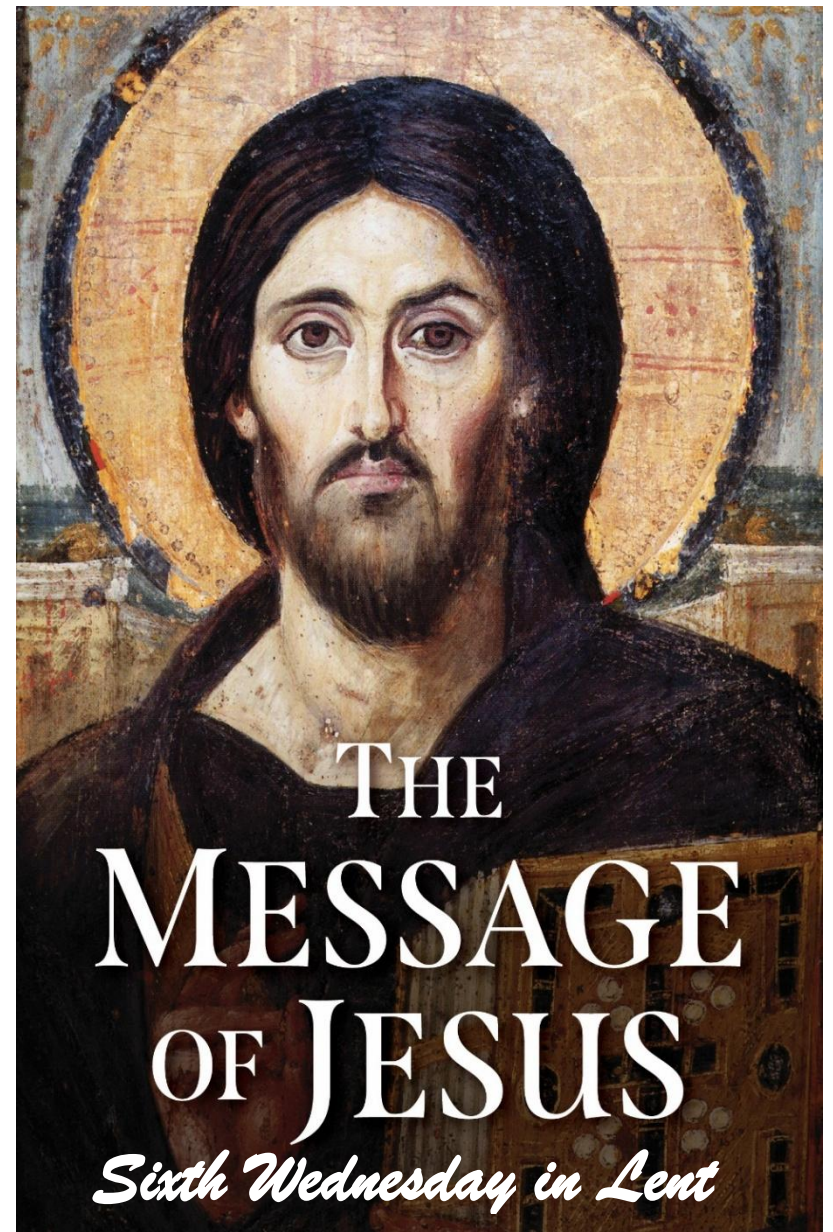
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"Final Words"

GREETING

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave.

People: Being found in human likeness, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Pastor: Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every name.

People: And at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend and every tongue confess: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

OPENING HYMN NO. 695..... “As We Gather at Your Table”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you warn us to read the signs for the coming of your glory—in the sun, the moon, the stars, the roaring of the seas and the waves, the distress among the nations. We have seen it all before. Nothing seems to change. Help us live with courage in this age of ambiguity where wars are fought for peace and freedoms are stripped in the name of liberty. Forgive our lapse of focus, our sense that nothing ever really changes. Teach us to wait with patience, that we may be ready as our redeemer draws near. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor: The good news: “Jesus, though he was in the form of God,

People: Did not count equality with God as something to be exploited,

Pastor: But emptied himself, taking the form of a slave.

People: And became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.”

Pastor: Through his obedience we are therefore freed from whatever sin enslaves us. We are forgiven people.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

ENGAGING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

John 13:34-35 Luke 22:24-27 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 19:26-30 Mark 15:33-34 Luke 23:33-34a, 39-43, 46

MESSAGE..... “Final Words”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....(Inspired by the Gospel of Matthew)

I believe in a God, who created all things and seeks for all to be in communion as God’s people. I believe in Jesus Christ, who showed us how to share love, and who commissioned us to go out into the highways and byways inviting all to be a part of God’s work in the world. I believe in the Holy Spirit, who leads and guides us into the world, then touches the lives of those around us in ways that make them receptive to love. I believe in the harvest, and the call for laborers to receive and respond, sharing light and life with the world. Amen.

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. 260..... “The Old Rugged Cross”

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