

The Evening Prayer;

P. Let us bless the Lord;
C. Thanks be to God.

P. The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

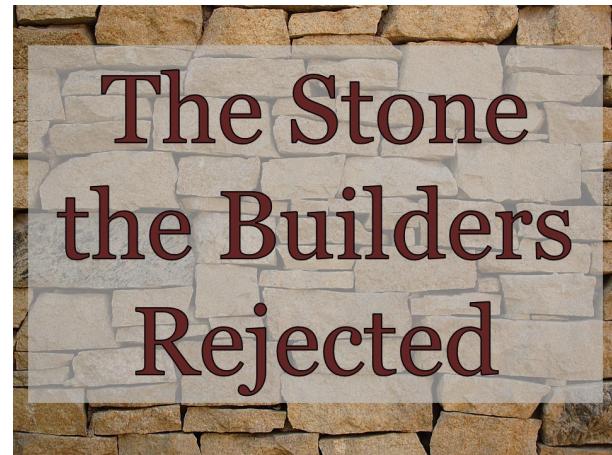
Closing Song; #883 All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night

We hope you can stay for a time of fellowship and refreshments after the service tonight,

Lent 2 Service

March 04, 2026

The Rejected One, The Samaritan Woman



Rejected
Resilience
Divine Purpose
Ultimate Acceptance

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit;
C. Amen.

Teach me Your way O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.
Untie my heart to fear Your name O Lord, that I may follow You.

Deliver me, O Lord,
For You are the God of my Salvation.
In You O Lord, I put my trust, for You have said,
“Never will I leave you nor forsake you.

P. Holy God, holy and most gracious Father,
Have mercy and hear us.

The Lord's Prayer
The Apostles Creed

Psalm 54, *read responsively*:

The “Rejected” Lesson: John 4:1-26

Jesus Talks With a Samaritan Woman

4 Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John—² although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. ³ So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee.

⁴ Now he had to go through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” ⁸ The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” ⁹ Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”

¹⁰ “Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?” ¹¹ Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?”

¹² Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹³ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

¹⁴ The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.”

¹⁵ He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.”

¹⁶ “I have no husband,” she replied. Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁷ The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.”

¹⁸ “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet.”

¹⁹ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

²⁰ “Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²¹ You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²² 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. ²³ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

²⁴ The woman said, “I know that Messiah is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

²⁵ Then Jesus declared, **“I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”**

P. This is the Word of the Lord C. Amen.

The Message;
The Offering is Received.

P. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

C. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God:

C. ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴ He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.

Like one from whom people hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

The light shines in the darkness,
but the darkness has not understood it.

All; I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.