

Mid-Week Services

Lent 2024



Voices of the Passion

“Jesus Barabbas, The Zealot”

Mid-Week Lenten Worship
February 28, 2024

PRELUDE

THE LENTEN DIALOG

P: God is our light and our salvation,

C: **our refuge and our stronghold.**

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: **We praise your name, O God.**

P: For with you is the fountain of life,

C: **and in your light we see light.**

HYMN

God, who Made the Earth and Heaven

ELW 564

(vs 1-3)

PRAYER FOR LENTEN VESPERS

P: Gracious God, we give you thanks for the day, especially for the good we were permitted to give and to receive; the day is now past and we commit it to you. We entrust to you the night; we rest securely, for you are our help, and you neither slumber nor sleep; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

THE READING

Matthew 27:15-23

15 Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. 16At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. 17So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?' 18For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. 19While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him, 'Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.' 20Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. 21The governor again said to them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' And they said, 'Barabbas.' 22Pilate said to them, 'Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?' All of them said, 'Let him be crucified!' 23Then he asked, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Let him be crucified!'

P: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE MESSAGE

During the Wednesdays of Lent and the days of Holy Week, we revisit the story of Jesus' suffering and death as told from the perspective of various characters in the drama of Jesus' passion. As they speak to us, we will discover how their story is also our story. We were there. We participated. We are the ultimate beneficiaries of the greatest story ever told. Tonight...

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HYMN

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

ELW 324

PRAYERS

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

For the health of the creation, for abundant harvests that all may share, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

For public servants, the government, and those who protect us; for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord.

For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering, and for those who are in captivity, let us pray to the Lord.

For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

For all servants of the church, for this assembly, and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen!

BLESSING

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing ELW 545

THE POSTLUDE

Please place your offering in the plate as you leave worship this evening.

All Offerings will be given to ELCA Disaster Response

Thank you.

