

Mid-Week Lenten Services

March 13, 2024



Voices of the Passion

“The Centurion, True Believer”

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PRELUDE

OPENING LITANY

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

My Song is Love Unknown
(vs 1-4)

ELW 343

DIALOG FOR LENT

P: Behold, now is the acceptable time;

C: **now is the day of salvation.**

P: Turn us again, O God of our salvation,

C: **that the light of your face may shine on us.**

P: May your justice shine like the sun;

C: **and may the poor be lifted up.**

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

Mark 15:33-39

33 When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. 34At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken

me?’ 35When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, ‘Listen, he is calling for Elijah.’ 36And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, ‘Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.’ 37Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. 38And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. 39Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, ‘Truly this man was God’s Son!’

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
(vs 1 & 4)

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.

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 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: Now in peace I will lie down and sleep;

C: you alone, O God, make me secure.

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Now, The Day is Over
(vs 1,3 &5)

ELW 570

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.