Order of Worship for Lenten Mid-Week Worship and Prayer March 22, 2023

PRELUDE

HYMN
"Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive"
ELW 605

LENTEN DIALOG

Lord God, we come into Your special presence in this worship service.

Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening, and the day is almost over.

We are thankful for the Passion and the Prayer of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Help us get closer to Jesus through this year's series of Wednesday Lenten services.

Help us to deepen our discipleship this Lent as we come to understand the model prayer our Lord shared with us.

Guide us this evening to learn to follow Jesus not only as our human friend, but as God in the flesh as well. Give us Jesus!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: give to us, Your servants, a deeper understanding of Your Son's most important prayer, both through these worship services and in the power of Your Spirit. In the Name of Jesus, we pray

Amen.

LESSON

Luke 23:33-35

Our lesson comes from the Gospel, According to Luke, chapter twenty-three, verses thirty-three through thirty-five. Luke writes:

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. ³⁴ Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide His clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at Him, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Messiah of God, His Chosen One!"

MESSAGE

From our series "The Lord's Prayer and the Lord's Plan"
"Forgive Our Sins, As We Forgive Those Who Sin Against Us"
Rev. David Hewitt

THE PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER
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.

THE BENEDICTION

HYMN "The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Has Ended" ELW 569

please depart in silence you may also use this time for silent meditation

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