

Mid-Week Services

Lent 2024



Voices of the Passion

Judas Iscariot, The Betrayer?

Mid-Week Lenten Worship
February 21, 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

When Peace Like a River
(vs 1, 2, 4)

ELW 785

PRAYER FOR LENTEN VESPERS

P: Eternal God, the hours both of day and night are yours, and to you the darkness is no threat. Be present, we pray, with those who labor in these hours of night, especially those who watch and work on behalf of others. Grant them diligence in their watching, faithfulness in their service, courage in danger, and competence in emergencies. Help them to meet the needs of others with confidence and compassion; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

THE READING

Matthew 26:47-50

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, 'The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.' At once he came up to Jesus and said, 'Greetings, Rabbi!' and kissed him. Jesus said to him, 'Friend, do what you are here to do.' Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him.

P: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE

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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.

HYMN

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ELW 338

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 All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night
(vs 1, 3, 5)

ELW 565

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.

