

Places of the Passion

Lenten Service 2023



Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!"
Matthew 27:22

Wednesday, March 29, 2023 | 7:00 p.m.

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Tonight, the place of the Passion is Pilate's Judgment Hall, where Pilate is positioned to set Jesus free, but instead turns him over to be crucified. We are called to remember that the judgment that should have been placed on us was placed on him that we might be free.

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

ELW #351

Invocation and Call to Worship

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

P Let us ever walk with Jesus.

C To see the depths of his love.

P To behold the gift of his forgiveness.

C To gaze upon the heights of his grace.

P To marvel at the magnitude of his mercy.

C We walk with Jesus to Pilate's judgment hall.

P To hear about Jewish leaders, a prisoner named Barabbas and even Pilate's wife.

C It all boils down to three words—innocent, guilty and free.

P Faithful Lord, with me abide.

C I shall follow where you guide!

Hymn "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" vs 1 and 2 ELW #802

Confession and Forgiveness

P Forgiving Father, though I don't like to admit it, I am a sinner, much like Barabbas—

C A rebel and a wretch.

P Born dead in transgressions and sins.

C Lost and without hope.

P Doomed to perish.

C Blinded by the god of this age.

P My finest deeds are still soiled with sin.

C And all my righteous acts are like unclean rags.

P I am Barabbas.

C Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!

*(Please silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great,
Christ's love is greater.)*

P Hear the good news! Jesus walked to places of rejection, suffering, torment and death—for you. Jesus was determined to go to Gethsemane and Golgotha—for you. That's why Jesus forgives you completely and loves you eternally. Faithful Lord, with me abide.

C I shall follow where you guide.

Prayer of the Day

First Reading: Exodus 14:19-29

Second Reading: Romans 6:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 27:1-2, 11-23

Hymn: "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

ELW #337

Message

Hymn: "My Song Is Love Unknown"

verses 1-4

ELW #343

(Tune of 640 Repeat last phrase)

Apostles' Creed

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Prayers of Intercession

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P “If the Son sets you free.”

C You will be free, indeed!

The prayers are concluded with:

P Dear Lord Jesus, free us for larger hearts toward those in need and lavish love for all people. May our children feel secure and our loved ones treasured and valued.

C Jesus, let me faithful be, life eternal grant to me. Amen.

Offering

Offertory Response “We Give Thee But Thine Own”
ELW #686

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first fruits give.

Offering Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

P Jesus invites us to walk with him to Pilate's judgment hall, a place of great suffering and a place of great love. We will walk with Jesus all the way to the empty tomb—and resurrection victory.

C Let us ever walk with Jesus!

Hymn: “Now the Day Is Over”

ELW #570