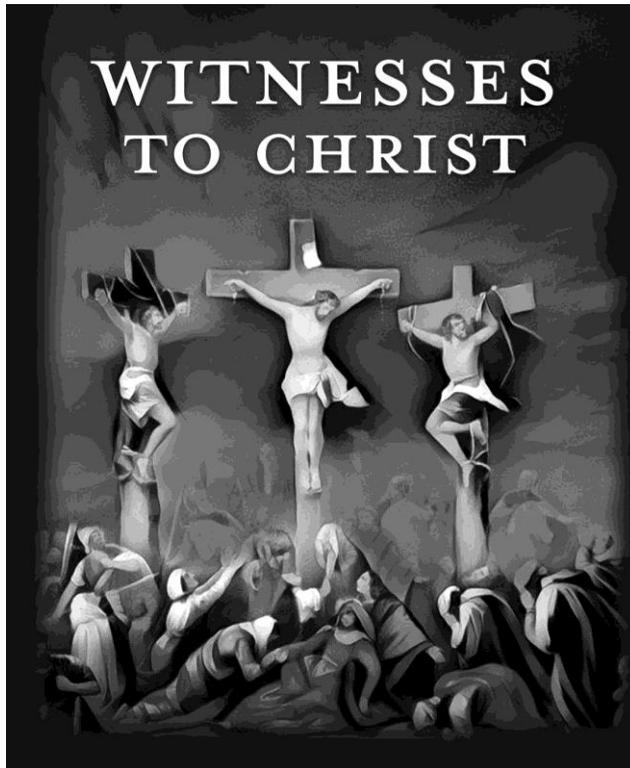


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Lenten Vespers: Midweek 4



Barabbas

Barabbas was a heartless, brutal criminal with anger in his heart and blood on his hands. Custom dictated that Pontius Pilate should release one prisoner at the feast of Passover. Pilate knows Jesus is innocent and tries to get the crowd to ask for Jesus' release, but the crowd calls instead for Barabbas. The crowd condemns the innocent Jesus and demands that the guilty Barabbas receive a pardon. We are Barabbas. We are guilty and sinful and deserving of death. But we are also Barabbas in that Jesus takes our place, takes our punishment, and sets us free.

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Serving Today

	<u>1:00 PM</u>	<u>7:00 PM</u>
Elders	Rudy Eidam	David Maloney
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LENTEN VESPERS: MIDWEEK 4

Prelude

O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken

David Blackwell

Stand

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

P Today, we watch as Jesus stands trial before the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate.

C **Pilate knows that Jesus is innocent.**

P Pilate tries to set Jesus free,

C **but the people call for a thief and murderer named Barabbas.**

P Though Barabbas is guilty, he is set free

C **Though Jesus is innocent, He is condemned to die.**

Kneel/Sit

Confession and Absolution

P We are like Barabbas. We are guilty. We all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. The wages of sin is death. Still, our heavenly Father invites us to return to Him and seek His forgiveness.

C **Heavenly Father, we have sinned against You and against our neighbors in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have rebelled against Your rule and reign. We know our guilt. We know we deserve the punishment of death. But we seek Your abundant mercy on account of Jesus.**

P Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you. Jesus stands in your place and takes the punishment for your sin. He endures death for you. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

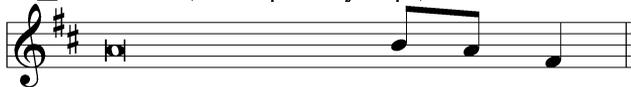
C **Amen. We are pardoned and set free because of Jesus.**

Stand

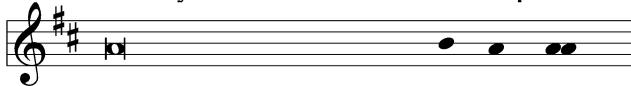
Lent Versicles



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

Psalm

Psalm 57; antiphon: v. 10



For Your steadfast love is great to the | heavens,*

Your faithfulness | to the clouds.

Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in You my soul takes | refuge;*

in the shadow of Your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction | pass by.

I cry out to | God Most High,*

to God who fulfills His pur- | pose for me.

He will send from heaven and save me; He will put to shame him who tramples | on me.*

God will send out His steadfast love and His | faithfulness!

My soul is in the midst of lions; I lie down amid | fiery beasts—*

the children of man, whose teeth are spears and arrows, whose tongues are | sharp swords.

Be exalted, O God, above the | heavens!*

Let Your glory be over | all the earth!

They set a net for my steps; my soul was | bowed down.*

They dug a pit in my way, but they have fallen into it | themselves.

My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is | steadfast!*

I will sing and make | melody!

Awake, my glory! Awake, O | harp and lyre!*

I will a- | wake the dawn!

I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the | peoples;*

I will sing praises to You among the | nations.

For Your steadfast love is great to the | heavens,*

Your faithfulness | to the clouds.

Be exalted, O God, above the | heavens!*

Let Your glory be over | all the earth!

Silence for reflection

Psalm Prayer

P Merciful Lord, You are our refuge in time of trouble and our hope in distress. Keep us in Your care that we may be raised from the death of sin to life in Christ and give faithful witness to Your mercy by proclaiming Your name and Your salvation to the nations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

G Amen.

Hymn

439 O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken *sts. 1-5*



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law hast Thou bro - ken
2 They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;
3 Whence come these sor - rows, whence this mor - tal an - guish?
4 What pun - ish - ment so strange is suf - fered yon - der!
5 The sin - less Son of God must die in sad - ness;



That such sharp sen - tence should on Thee be spo - ken?
With cru - el mock - ings to the cross they urge Thee;
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must lan - guish;
The Shep - herd dies for sheep that loved to wan - der;
The sin - ful child of man may live in glad - ness;



Of what great crime hast Thou to make con -
They give Thee gall to drink, they still de -
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost in -
The Mas - ter pays the debt His ser - vants
Man for - feit - ed his life and is ac -



fes - sion, What dark trans - gres - sion?
cry Thee; They cru - ci - fy Thee.
her - it, This I do mer - it.
owe Him, Who would not know Him.
quit - ted; God is com - mit - ted.

Readings

Reading

Zechariah 9:11-12

P A reading from Zechariah, the ninth chapter.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

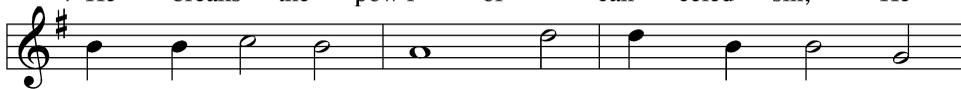
G Thanks be to God.

Hymn

528 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -
 3 Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That
 4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He



great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
 sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the
 bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the
 sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the



God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!
 earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.
 sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
 foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.

5 Look unto Him, ye nations; own
 Your God, ye fallen race.
 Look and be saved through faith alone,
 Be justified by grace.

6 See all your sins on Jesus laid;
 The Lamb of God was slain.
 His soul was once an off'ring made
 For ev'ry soul of man.

7 To God all glory, praise, and love
 Be now and ever giv'n
 By saints below and saints above,
 The Church in earth and heav'n.

Sermon

Canticle

Stand

Antiphon

LSB 231



L Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



C and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Hymn

931 All You Works of the Lord

The Cantor chants the verse. The Congregation responds with the Refrain.



¹All you works of the Lord, | bless the Lord—*
praise Him and magnify Him for- | ever.*
You angels of the Lord, | bless the Lord:



²You heavens, | bless the Lord;*
all you waters above the heavens, | bless the Lord;*
all you powers of the Lord, | bless the Lord:



³You sun and moon, | bless the Lord;*
you stars of heaven, | bless the Lord;*
all you showers and dew, | bless the Lord:



⁴All you winds of God, | bless the Lord;*
you fire and heat, | bless the Lord;*
you winter and summer, | bless the Lord:



¹⁰O Israel, | bless the Lord;*
you priests of the Lord, | bless the Lord;*
you servants of the Lord, | bless the Lord:

Refrain

Praise Him and mag-ni - fy Him for - ev - er.

¹¹You spirits and souls of the righteous, | bless the Lord;*
 you pure and humble of heart, | bless the Lord;*
 let us bless the Father and the Son and the Holy | Spirit:

Refrain

Praise Him and mag-ni - fy Him for - ev - er.

Offering

What Wondrous Love Is This

Austin Lovelace

Hymn

543 What Wondrous Love Is This

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, When
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, When I was sink - ing down Be -
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll

caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread - ful curse for my
 neath God's righ - teous frown, Christ laid a - side His crown for my
 is the great I AM, While mil - lions join the theme, I will
 sing His love for me, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, To bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side His crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Prayer

Stand

Kyrie

LSB 233



Benediction

P The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

G Amen.

Hymn

338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set Thy peo-ple free;
2 Born Thy peo-ple to de-liv-er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Born to reign in us for-ev-er, Now Thy gra-cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
By Thine own e - ter-nal Spir-it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev-'ry na-tion, Joy of ev-'ry long-ing heart.
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo-rious throne.

Postlude

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Robert Powell

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