

Lenten Series

**Wednesday, March 12, 2025**

12:00 PM

# I WAS THERE



**A Judicial Review of the Events Leading to the  
Crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth**



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## WORSHIP INFORMATION

**Please silence your electronic devices during service.**

"P" signifies the pastor, "L" signifies the leader, and "C" signifies the congregation.

For responsive readings, the congregation parts are in **bold**.

**\* Indicates: "please stand (as you are comfortable)"**

## PRELUDE

Pam Batten, piano

**OPENING VIDEO:** *A Prayer for Lent*

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### \*WORSHIP OPENING

P: Lord, you set your face towards Jerusalem and walked alongside those who suffer.

**C: Be our vision that we too may walk the way of the cross and extend a hand to those we meet.**

P: Lord, you stopped to heal the sick, cure the lame, and give sight to the blind.

**C: Be our vision that we too may give time to others and respond to their needs.**

**\*HYMN:** *Be Thou My Vision*

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.

P: Lord, you said, the first shall be last and the last shall be first.

**C: Be our vision that we too may work towards your kingdom when the exalted will be brought low and the lowly exalted.**

P: Lord, you ate with tax collectors and sinners and listened to their stories.

**C: Be our vision that we too may listen to the despised and rejected and value their lives.**

2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

P: Lord, you took time to pray and time to be silent.

**C: Be our vision that through our prayers, fasting, and benevolence, we too may draw closer to you and find your way.**

P: Lord, you entered Jerusalem with peace in your heart.

**C: Be our vision that we too may desire peace where others desire war, and may work for justice where injustice reigns.**

3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.

P: Lord, give us the gladness of your help, support us with a willing spirit, and open our hearts and minds to a renewed vision of God's love, a vision that calls us to deeper commitment, self-reflection, and acts of compassion.

**C: Be our vision, guide our steps, and help us to discern what you would have us do as we walk this Lenten journey, for you are our hope and our salvation.**

4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

**\*PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. God of the wilderness,

**C: your Son fasted forty days in the wilderness and was tempted as we are, but did not sin. Meet us in our fears and joys alike and sustain us in our weakness. Walk alongside us to call us to repentance. Pour out your Spirit upon us, that these forty days might be for us a journey that renews our hope, strengthens our faith, and prepares us for the agony of the cross as well as the new life of resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**HYMN: In the Hour of Trial**

1 In the hour of tri - al, Je - sus, plead for me,  
 2 With for - bid - den plea - sures should this vain world charm,  
 lest by base de - ni - al I de - part from thee.  
 or its sor - did trea - sures spread to work me harm,  
 When thou seest me wa - ver, with a look re - call;  
 bring to my re - mem - brance sad Geth - sem - a - ne,  
 nor from fear or fa - vor suf - fer me to fall.  
 or, in dark - er sem - blance, cross-crowned Cal - va - ry.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854  
 Music: PENITENCE, Spencer Lane, 1843–1903



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### A Judicial Review of the Events Leading to the Crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth

#### WEEK 1:

#### The Examination of John.

#### John 13:1-30

NRSVue

<sup>1</sup> Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

<sup>2</sup> The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper <sup>3</sup> Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup> got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself.

<sup>5</sup> Then he poured water into a basin and

began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup> Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup> Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup> Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely

clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." <sup>11</sup> For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." <sup>12</sup> After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup> Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup> If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. <sup>18</sup> I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But it is to fulfill the scripture, 'The one who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' <sup>19</sup> I tell you this now, before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe that I am he. <sup>20</sup> Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me." <sup>21</sup> After saying this Jesus was

#### Matthew 27:1-5

NRSVue

<sup>1</sup> When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. <sup>2</sup> They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. <sup>3</sup> When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty

pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. <sup>4</sup> He said, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." <sup>5</sup> Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. <sup>6</sup> troubled in spirit and declared, "Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me." <sup>7</sup> The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. <sup>8</sup> One of his disciples—the one whom Jesus loved—was reclining close to his heart; <sup>9</sup> Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. <sup>10</sup> So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?" <sup>11</sup> Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. <sup>12</sup> After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "Do quickly what you are going to do." <sup>13</sup> Now no one knew why he said this to him. <sup>14</sup> Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the festival," or that he should give something to the poor. <sup>15</sup> So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.



**HYMN: Were You There?**



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

*Refrain*



Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: WERE YOU THERE, African American spiritual



**PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

P: Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. Let us pray. God of love, hear the cry of those who yearn for love; fractured families, broken homes, neglected, unwanted, alone.

God of love,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: God of justice, hear the cry of those who yearn for justice; persecuted and oppressed, exploited, ill-treated, broken.

God of justice,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: God of peace, hear the cry of those who yearn for peace; in battle zones and broken states, frightened, fearful, anxious.

God of peace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: God of healing, hear the cry of those who yearn for healing; physical and spiritual, hurting, weakened, depressed.

God of healing,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: God of mercy, hear the cry of those who yearn for mercy; convicted, in need of your grace, contrite, humble, bowed down.

God of mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: God of grace, accompany us on our journey and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**



## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### WE OFFER OUR GIFTS BACK TO GOD

Many services and missions of the church are benefited by your generous offerings.

- Canyon del Oro Assembly of God Food Pantry
- Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona • ELCA Grand Canyon Synod
- Interfaith Community Services (ICS) • Marana Food Bank • Youth on Their Own (YOTO)
- Primavera Men's Shelter • Impact • Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest
- Sister Jose Women's Center • Wycliffe Bible Missionaries
- Lutheran Campus Ministry of U of A. Thank you!

### MUSICAL OFFERING

Pam Batten, piano

### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray. God of the wilderness, we give these offerings in gratitude,

**C: rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us.**

P: We give these offerings in faith,

**C: trusting that you will provide for our needs.**

P: We give these offerings in hope,

**C: knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world.**

P: May we live with generous hearts and open hands.

**C: Amen.**



### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

**C: we confess to you our reluctance to enter the wilderness places where we are confronted with our true selves. Forgive us our sins and fill us with the joy and peace of your salvation. Strengthen us with your Spirit during this Lenten season that we put our whole trust in you as confidently as Jesus did, so we can leave this wilderness season more aware of your presence and the ways our faith can sustain us. Amen.**

P: Hear the good news: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, ✠ forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.

**C: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

### \*JESUS' PROMISE AND COMMAND

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED - All are invited to the Lord's table.**

- Receive a wafer and dip it in either red wine or white grape juice.
- Indicate you need a gluten free wafer by holding up two fingers.
- Individually wrapped communion packs are available.
- Those not receiving communion may come forward for a spoken blessing.
- If you are unable to come forward, notify an usher and we will come to you.

**COMMUNION HYMNS: Eat This Bread Sing 4x**

*Refrain*




“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.




Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”

**O Lord, Hear My Prayer Sing 4x**




O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.




O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.

**Wait for the Lord Sing 4x**



Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.



Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

**Stay with Me Sing 4x**



Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and



pray. Watch and pray.

**Jesus, Remember Me Sing 4x**



Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.



Jesus, remember me when you come in-to your king dom.

**\*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND CLOSING PRAYER**

P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray. Thank you, gracious God, for giving us bread for the journey of these forty days. As we travel on through the wilderness, help us to share your grace with others and draw us ever closer to you; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

P: God, the giver of love, ✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

**C: Amen.**



**\*HYMN: The Old Rugged Cross**



1 On a hill far a - way stood an old rug - ged cross,  
2 Oh, that old rug - ged cross so de - spised by the world,  
3 In the old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine,  
4 To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true,



the em - blem of suf - f'ring and shame;  
has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me;  
a won - drous beau - ty I see;  
its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;



and I love that old cross where the dear - est and best  
for the dear Lamb of God left his glo - ry a - bove,  
for 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died,  
Christ will call me some day to my home far a - way,



for a world of lost sin - ners was slain.  
to . . . bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.  
to . . . par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.  
where his glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

*Refrain*



So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged cross, till my



tro - phies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rug - ged



cross, and ex - change it some day for a crown.



**\*DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve in love.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

Pam Batten, piano

*Thank You*

Thank you to The Messengers, Resurrection's Drama Ministry,  
for sharing the message with us in worship today.

Directors - Julie Sieger, John Rowe and George Gibson.

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Court Recorder – Leslie Kilpatrick  
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Prosecuting Attorney – Bill Skeeles  
Defense Attorney – Karen Skeeles  
John – Alan Perry  
Scripture Reader – Leslie Kilpatrick



*Decorative flourish* **NOTES** *Decorative flourish*

Lined area for taking notes, consisting of 20 horizontal lines.

## Financial Information Update:

Financial updates will be published in April, July and October.  
Thank you.

### Attendance for last week:

Oro Valley: 607  
SaddleBrooke: 132  
Online: 318

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## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

*Thank you for wearing your name tags. If you are in need of one, please contact the church office.*

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- **Offices** are located in the Administration Building.
- **Please Observe AZ State Law:** Please refrain from smoking within 20 feet of public entrances.

### WORSHIP SERVICES

#### Saturday Worship

**5 PM** – Traditional service in the Sanctuary at the Oro Valley campus.  
First Saturday – Healing Service. Fourth Saturday – Holden Evening Prayer.

#### Sunday Worship

**7:45 AM** – Traditional liturgical service in the Sanctuary at the Oro Valley campus.

**9:00 AM** – Traditional service at our SaddleBrooke location.

**9:15 AM** – Traditional service in the Sanctuary at the Oro Valley campus.

**10:45 AM** – Children's Sunday School located in the Child Development Center and Confirmation and High School Sunday School meet in the Outreach Building. Classes are available for ages 3 through 12th grade.

**10:45 AM** – Contemporary service in the Sanctuary at the Oro Valley campus.

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