

# Midweek Lenten Service

March 24, 2021

PRE-SERVICE HYMN SING  
BELLS  
OPENING RESPONSES  
RESPONSIVE PSALM 25: 1-7  
PRAYER OF THE DAY

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## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 53:1-3 (ESV)

Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN

“Were You There”

#456

## EPISTLE READING

1 Timothy 2:1-7 (ESV)

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL READING

John 18:28-38 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the eighteenth chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. So Pilate went outside to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" They answered him, "If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him over to you." Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death." This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death he was going to die. So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world--to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." Pilate said to him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in him.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## RESPONSORY FOR LENT

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## HYMN OF THE DAY

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

#437

## SERMON

## OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

#783 (vs 1,4-5 only)

## PRAYERS

## COLLECT FOR THE WORD

## EVENING PRAYER

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## BLESSING

## CLOSING HYMN

“Abide with Me”

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