

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES 2021
LENTEN TRUTHS PROCLAIMED BY JESUS' ENEMIES

Ash Wednesday, February 17 – Pilate's Wife
JESUS SUFFERED FOR SIN, THE JUST FOR THE UNJUST

Preservice Meditation Psalm 51 (pew bible, p.507)

Sermon Text: Matthew 27:19 – While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, “Have nothing to do with that **just Man**, for I have suffered many things today in a dream because of Him.” *(Pastor Schuetze)*

Hymns 439:1-5, 565, 890

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Wednesday, February 24 – The Jewish Sanhedrin
JESUS IS THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD

Preservice Meditation Psalm 32 (pew bible, p.495)

Sermon Text: Luke 22:66-71 – As soon as it was day, the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, came together and led Him into their council, saying, "If You are the Christ, tell us." But He said to them, "If I tell you, you will by no means believe. And if I also ask you, you will by no means answer Me or let Me go. Hereafter the Son of Man will sit on the right hand of the power of God." Then they all said, “**Are You then the Son of God?**” So He said to them, “**You rightly say that I am.**” And they said, “What further testimony do we need? For we have heard it ourselves from His own mouth.” *(Pastor Wheaton)*

Hymns 433, 428, 880:1,4,5

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Wednesday, March 3 – The High Priest Caiaphas
JESUS MUST DIE SO THAT WE MIGHT LIVE

Preservice Meditation Psalm 6 (pew bible, p.482)

Sermon Text: John 11:49-53 – And one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all, nor do you consider that **it is expedient for us that one man should die for the people, and not that the whole nation should perish.**” Now this he did not say on his own authority; but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, and not for that nation only, but also that He would gather together in one the children of God who were scattered abroad. Then, from that day on, they plotted to put Him to death. *(Lay Service)*

Hymns 440, 437, 878:1,2,6

Wednesday, March 10 – Judas Iscariot
JESUS WAS CONDEMNED, THOUGH INNOCENT OF WRONG-DOING

Preservice Meditation Psalm 38 (pew bible, p.500)

Sermon Text: Matthew 27:3-4 – Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, “**I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.**” And they said, “What is that to us? You see to it!” *(Pastor Wheaton)*

Hymns 436, 434, 883

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Wednesday, March 17 – The Roman Soldiers
JESUS OUR SUFFERING KING IS WORTHY OF WORSHIP

Preservice Meditation Psalm 130 (pew bible, p.551)

Sermon Text: Mark 15:16-19 – Then the soldiers led Him away into the hall called Praetorium, and they called together the whole garrison. And they clothed Him with purple; and they twisted a crown of thorns, put it on His head, and began to salute Him, “**Hail, King of the Jews!**” Then they struck Him on the head with a reed and spat on Him; and bowing the knee, they worshiped Him. *(Lay Service)*

Hymns 435, 420 (1-4), 537

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Wednesday, March 24 – The Chief Priests and Robbers
HE SAVED OTHERS; HE CAN'T SAVE HIMSELF

Preservice Meditation Psalm 143 (pew bible, p.556)

Sermon Text: Matthew 27:39-44 – And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads and saying, “You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” Likewise the chief priests also, mocking with the scribes and elders, said, “**He saved others; Himself He cannot save.** If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him. He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now if He will have Him; for He said, “I am the Son of God.”” Even the robbers who were crucified with Him reviled Him with the same thing. *(Pastor Schuetze)*

Hymns 451, 431, 425

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