

Christ on Trial
 A Series of Services for
 Lent, Holy Week and Easter
 Grace in the Desert
 Good Friday:
 Closing Arguments
 March 29, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Song "By His Wounds"

Invocation

Come to Order

P Pilate said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you."

C By a perversion of justice he was taken away. He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities.

P Then Pilate summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews? What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world."

C By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

P Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But Jesus gave him no answer, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

C Like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

P The high priest said to him, "Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has blasphemed! What is your verdict?" They answered, "He deserves death."

C By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. Out of his anguish he shall see light. The righteous one, my

servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

Response Song	“Forgiven”
First Reading	Isaiah 52:13—53:6
Second Reading	Philippians 2:5-11
Gospel Reading	Luke 23:26-49
Message Song	“The Gospel”
Message	“Christ on Trial: Closing Arguments”
Confession of Faith	“Apostles’ Creed”

Prayers

Each Petition will end with, “Lord, in Your Mercy.”

Your response will be, “Hear our prayer.”

Benediction

P In your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.

C We testify to the truth of Christ in court: in the chambers of our human hearts.

P So I say to you: Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you. And may the peace of Christ bless and keep you as you live your life as a testimony to him.

C Amen.

Leave in Silence as we ponder the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross