

Holy Week.

Thursday: Claudia, the wife of Pontius Pilate

Blessed be the Lord God of heaven and earth for he has visited and redeemed his people. He has raised up a mighty Salvation for us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Silence)

The Father is with us

Amen

The Creator is with you

And also with you.

Jesus is with us.

Amen

The Saviour is with you

And also with you.

The Spirit is with us.

Amen.

The Strengtheners is with you

And also with you.

God is with us.

Amen.

Matthew 27

¹⁵ Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. ¹⁶ At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus^ἁ Barabbas. ¹⁷ So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus^ἁ Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?"^ἁ ¹⁸ For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. ¹⁹ While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." ²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. ²¹ The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And

they said, "Barabbas." ²² Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?"^ἁ All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" ²³ Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

Claudia

Lord have mercy...

Our Father...

O Lord open our eyes

To behold your presence.

O Lord open our ears

To hear your voice.

O Lord open our hearts

To receive your love.

O Lord open our lips

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen

And the blessing...