

Wednesday in Holy Week

The Lord be with you.

The Lord bless you.

O God, come and help us:

Lord support and save us.

Glory to God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

as in the beginning, so now and for ever. Amen!

Today we recall that while Judas was bargaining the authorities to betray Jesus, a woman anointed Jesus' head with special oil, symbolically anticipating his coming death and burial.

**God of mercy and kindness,
by the passion of your only Son
the instrument of a shameful death
has become the tree of life:
grant us to so glory in the cross of Christ
that we might gladly serve each other in love and peace.
Amen!**

Luke 8:36–39, 44–47

Silence for Reflection

Litany of Lamentation

(have seven lit candles in a prominent place. Read Lamentations 1:1–14 [verse about, Leader/response]. At the end of each couplet extinguish a candle so that at the end none are alight.

Prayers

Our Lord's Prayer

Free Prayer

**Almighty God
whose Son sought strength in you
before he underwent his Passion:
grant us enabling grace
to support us in our trials and temptations
that we may remain faithful
to the calling we have been given.**

Now to him who is able
to do more than we can either ask or think:
the only true God,
be praise and glory
in the church and Christ Jesus to all generations.