

MIDWEEK—LENT 2

MARCH 16, 2022

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WELCOME

WITNESSES TO CHRIST—MALCHUS

AS WE GATHER

All four Gospels record the event in Gethsemane when the ear of the high priest's servant is cut off. Only John gives us names—Peter and Malchus. Our attention now is drawn to Gethsemane that night when Judas betrays Jesus as Peter cuts off the ear of Malchus. The chief priests, scribes, Judas, and Peter all seek power and control of the situation. Jesus—the only one with true power and authority—lays it down, as He also does with His life itself. In His resurrection, Jesus will take up His life again, reclaiming His power, control, and authority, which extends throughout the earth and heavens.

1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the 2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like 3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup-pose the e - vil 4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the



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*INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

*OPENING SENTENCES

- P As we continue our Lenten journey, we find those who witnessed His power,
- C who experienced His authority and control over all things.
- P Even the high priest's servant, Malchus, points us to Jesus and His love for us.
- C Malchus witnessed Jesus laying aside His power and control.
- P Jesus allowed Himself to be arrested, put on trial, crucified, and killed.
- C Jesus laid down His life for us on the cross,
- P and Jesus took up His life again on Easter morning.

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P While Jesus laid aside His power and control for us and our salvation, we admit that we sometimes seek to have more power, control, influence, and authority in sinful pride. Still, our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him and ask for forgiveness, renewal, and restoration.
- C Heavenly Father, we have sinned against You with sins of pride and for not trusting You in all things. We have sinned against You in thoughts, words, and actions. Have mercy on us, Lord. Forgive us, and help us to rely on You for everything, in the name of Jesus.
- P Almighty God, in His merciful power, has given Jesus Christ to die and rise for you. Because of Jesus, Your sins are forgiven. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen. We are forgiven and freed to live under Christ's power and authority.

*PSALM Psalm 67

- P May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us,
- C that Your way may be known on earth, Your saving power among all nations.
- P Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!
- C Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.
- P Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!
- C The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.
- P God shall bless us: let all the ends of the earth fear Him!
- C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 53:1-5

¹Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ²For 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. ³He 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. ⁴Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.

- A O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 1:1–5

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

To the church of God that is at Corinth, with all the saints who are in the whole of Achaia:

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, ⁴who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. ⁵For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.

- A O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C Thanks be to God.

*HOLY GOSPEL

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighteenth chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron Valley, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. ²Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. ³So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" ⁵They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. ⁶When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. ⁷So he asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." ⁸Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go." ⁹This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: "Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one." ¹⁰Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) ¹¹So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERIES HYMN BEHOLD! THE LAMB OF GOD, JOHN SAID 1 "Be - hold! The Lamb of God," John said, "Who 2 The Way— of jus - tice was de - prived; The



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SERMON MALCHUS

MAGNIFICAT

C My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;

Men: for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.

Women: For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.

Men: For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name; *Women:* and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.

Men: He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

Women: He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.

Men: He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.

Women: He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to

Abraham and to his seed forever.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

OFFERING

*KYRIE

- P Lord, have mercy.
- C Christ, have mercy.
- P Lord, have mercy.

*LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

*PRAYERS

After each petition:

- P let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.

*BENEDICAMUS

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

*BENEDICTION

- P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
- C Amen.



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		Wed. March 16, 6:30pm	Wed. March 23, 6:30pm
Musician	6:30pm	Diane Streich	Diane Streich
Cantor	6:30pm	Andy Koch	Dave Workman
Altar Guild	6:30pm	Roxanne Foley	Roxanne Foley
Elder(s)	6:30pm	Sam Erdman	Jim Nicklas
Reader	630pm	Jon Peterson	Open
Usher Team	6:30pm	Brian Nack	Layne Streich
Acolyte	6:30pm	Open	Open
Projection	6:30pm	Jean Peterson	Tim Morris
Live Stream	6:30pm	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas