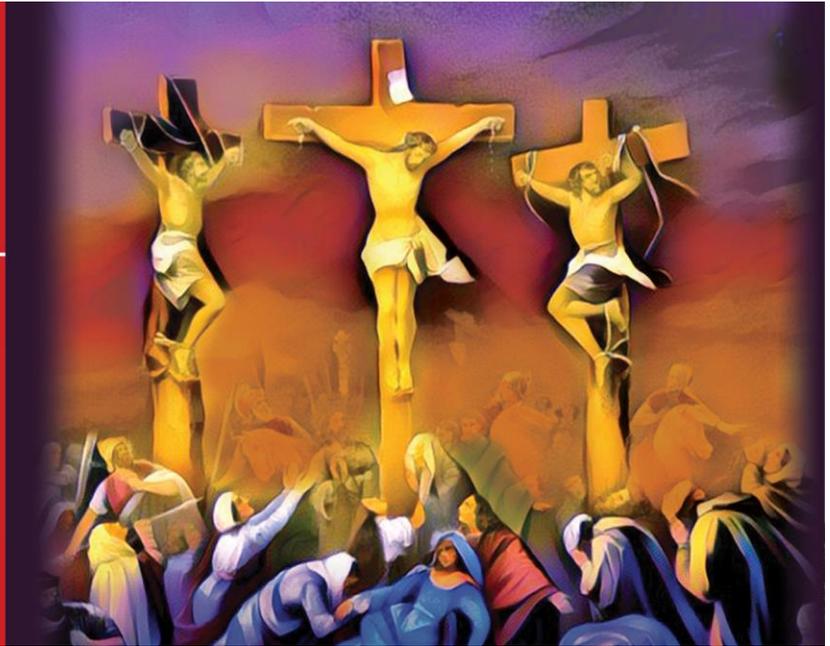


WELCOME!



Mid-week
Lenten Service



MIDWEEK—LENT 1

MARCH 9, 2022

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WELCOME

WITNESSES TO CHRIST—MARY, THE SISTER OF LAZARUS AND MARTHA

AS WE GATHER

Mary, the sister of Lazarus and Martha, was a witness to Christ as recorded in John's Gospel. As Jesus and many others are gathered for dinner, Mary anoints Jesus' feet with an ointment that was worth a year's wages. What a generous act! Mary's generosity is contrasted with Judas's greed. Judas criticizes Mary's generosity toward Jesus, saying that the ointment could have been sold and the proceeds given to the poor. But John notes something important: Judas did not say this because he cared about the poor. Judas kept the moneybag for the disciples and had been continually stealing from it. While Mary is generous toward Jesus, Judas seeks his own advantage. We remember Mary's generosity and love, which point us to Jesus.



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains
 2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;
 3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream
 4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!
 Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!
 Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!
 But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

- 5 Oft as earth exulting
 Wafts its praise on high,
 Angel hosts rejoicing
 Make their glad reply.
- 6 Lift we, then, our voices,
 Swell the mighty flood;
 Louder still and louder
 Praise the precious blood!

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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 see the contrast between Mary and Judas,
 C **the contrast between generosity and greed,**
 P the contrast between giving and getting,
 C **the contrast between joy and jealousy.**
 P Mary points us to the joys of giving.
 C **Mary points us to the joys of Jesus.**

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P While we would like to think of ourselves as generous, joyful, and giving, we admit that our lives do not live up to the perfect standard God expects. Still, our heavenly Father invites us to return to Him, confessing our shortcomings and sins.

- C **Heavenly Father, we confess that we have committed sins of greed, jealousy, and selfishness. We have sinned against You in thoughts, words, and actions. Have mercy on us, Lord. Forgive us, renew our generosity, and lead us out of greedy selfishness. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation.**
- P Almighty God, in His generous mercy, has given His Son to die and rise for you. On account of Jesus' death on the cross and resurrection from the grave, God has forgiven us all. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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 generously forgiven and joyfully restored.**

PSALM

Psalm 100

- P Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
- C **Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!**
- P Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.
- C **Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!**
- P For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.
- 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

Proverbs 11:24–28

- ²⁴One gives freely, yet grows all the richer;
another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.
- ²⁵Whoever brings blessing will be enriched,
and one who waters will himself be watered.
- ²⁶The people curse him who holds back grain,
but a blessing is on the head of him who sells it.
- ²⁷Whoever diligently seeks good seeks favor,
but evil comes to him who searches for it.
- ²⁸Whoever trusts in his riches will fall,
but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf.

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

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 9:6–12

⁶The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. ⁹As it is written,

“He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. ¹²For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.

A O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SERIES HYMN

BEHOLD! THE LAMB OF GOD (CANTOR ONLY)

vs. 1

1 “Be - hold! The Lamb of God,” John said, “Who
takes all sin a - way.” This Lamb is Christ, who
in our stead For sin would mute - ly pay.
“Be - hold your King!” by Pi - late scourged; Sin’s
hell - ish sum on Him con - verged,
While “Cru - ci - fy!” the hate - ful urged, Their
Sav - ior to be - tray.

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*HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ²So they gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him at the table. ³Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" ⁶He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it. ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me."

⁹When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there, they came, not only on account of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ¹⁰So the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well, ¹¹because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN

CHRIST THE LIFE OF ALL THE LIVING

LSB 420 vs. 1, 2, 3, 5



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast tak - en on Thee Bonds and stripes, a
3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly That my wounds might
5 Thou hast suf - fered men to bruise Thee, That from pain I



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing
cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on Thee,
all be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,
might be free; False - ly did Thy foes ac - cuse Thee:



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'ings,
O Thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my
Rest to give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of
Thence I gain se - cu - ri - ty; Com - fort - less Thy



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
 soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.
 God en - dur - ing, Bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.
 soul did lan - guish Me to com - fort in my an - guish.



Thou-sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
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SERMON WITNESS TO CHRIST: MARY, SISTER OF LAZARUS AND MARTHA

MAGNIFICAT

LSB 231

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 On our hearts imprint Your image,
 C **blessèd Jesus, King of grace.**

***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.**

HYMN TO DEPART

LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS

LSB 738 *sts. 1-2, 4*



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
 Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
 Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
 Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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		Wed. March 9, 6:30pm	Wed. March 16, 6:30pm
Musician	6:30pm	Marissa Bernau	Diane Streich
Cantor	6:30pm	Andy Koch	Andy Koch
Altar Guild	6:30pm	Roxanne Foley	Roxanne Foley
Elder(s)	6:30pm	Jon Peterson	Sam Erdman
Reader	6:30pm	Peter Olsen	Jon Peterson
Usher Team	6:30pm	Jon Peterson	Brian Nack
Acolyte	6:30pm	Open	Open
Projection	6:30pm	Peter Olsen	Jean Peterson
Live Stream	6:30pm	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas