

Midweek of Lent 2 - March 16, 2022

12:00 & 7:00 PM

WITNESSES TO CHRIST



- P** But as for me, my prayer is to You, | O LORD.*
At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of Your steadfast love
answer me in Your saving | faithfulness.
- C** **Deliver me from sinking | in the mire;***
let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep | waters.
- P** Answer me, O LORD, for Your steadfast | love is good;*
according to Your abundant mercy, | turn to me.
- C** **Hide not Your face from Your servant; for I am | in distress;***
make haste to | answer me.
- P** Draw near to my soul, re- | deem me;*
ransom me because of my | enemies!
- A** **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son***
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- P** Answer me, O LORD, for Your steadfast | love is good;*
according to Your abundant mercy, | turn to me.

PSALM PRAYER

- P** God of hope, in Christ's Passover from death to life, You have restored
Your fallen creation and raised up to life a people marked for death. Fill
us with thanksgiving that we, who by the rescue of Your grace have been
made new, may delight in Your ways; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our
Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Sit

SERIES HYMN

'Behold! The Lamb of God,' John Said

1. "Behold! The Lamb of God," John said,
"Who takes all sin away."
This Lamb is Christ, who in our stead
For sin would mutely pay.
"Behold your King!" by Pilate scourged;
Sin's hellish sum on Him converged,
While "Crucify!" the hateful urged,
Their Savior to betray.
2. The Way—of justice was deprived;
The Truth—was overrun;
The Life—was all from Christ derived;
God glorifies His Son!
"I am the Bread of Life," Christ said;
"My sacred blood for all, I shed;
Who eats and drinks of Me is fed."
All death by Christ undone.
3. Christ's glory is not seen by those
Who view God's Word as dross,
For worldly wisdom never knows
How gain could come from loss.
Yet, this the glory of the Christ:
His perfect life He sacrificed,
His finished work for all sufficed—
Debt canceled on the cross.
4. May we this holy Lententide
Christ's Passion clearly see;
This somber vision will provide
The truth that sets us free.
Hear John, who speaks of what he knows;
Come, follow on the path Christ chose:
The cross, the tomb from which He rose
In joyous victory!

READING

Isaiah 53:1–5

P A reading from Isaiah, the fifty-third chapter.

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.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

G **Thanks be to God.**

READING

2 Corinthians 1:1–5

P A reading from Second Corinthians, the first chapter.

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

READING

John 18:1–11

P A reading from St. John, the eighteenth chapter.

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.**

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