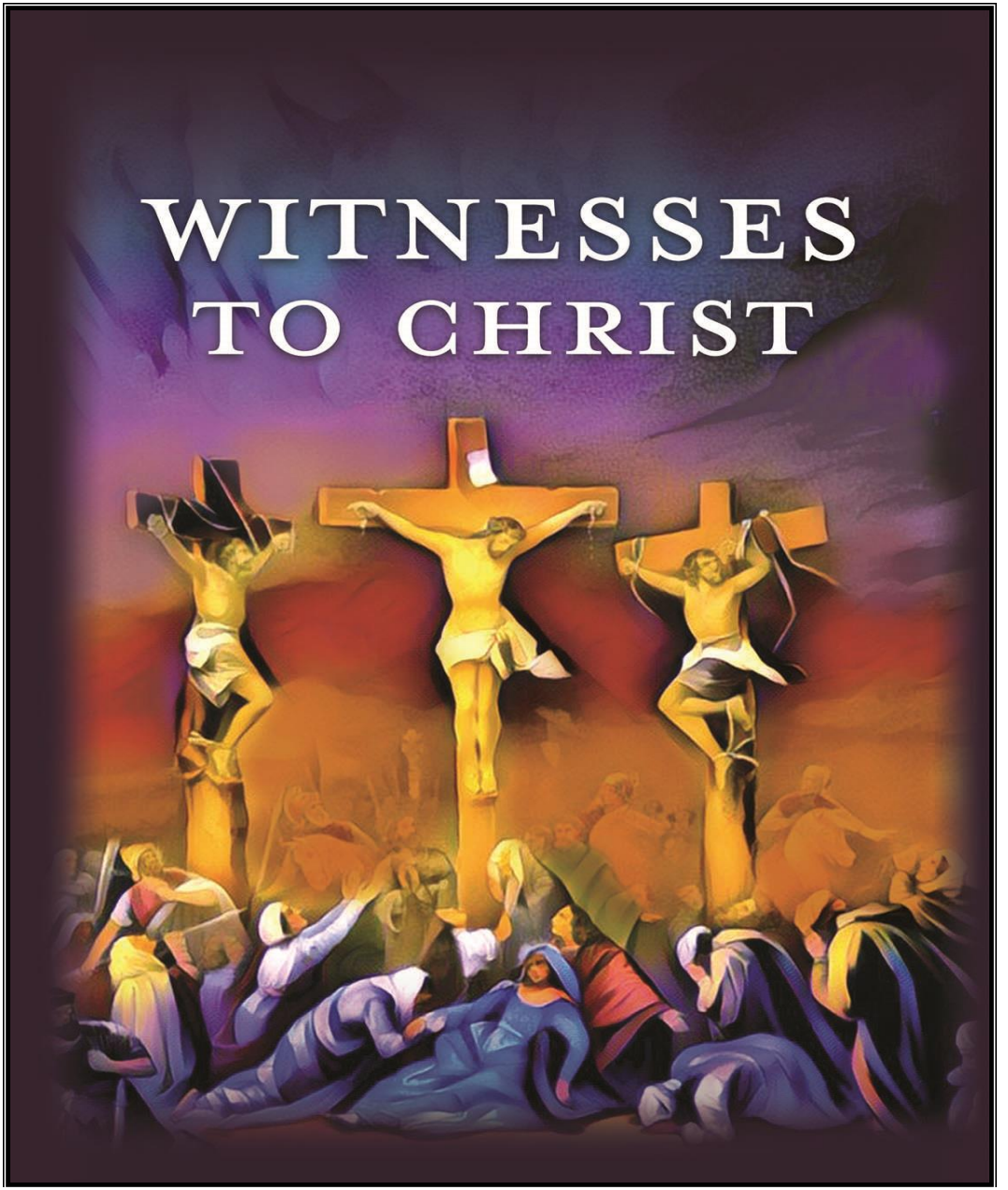


Malchus
Midweek Lenten Service II
Wednesday, March 16, 2022
6:30 pm

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.

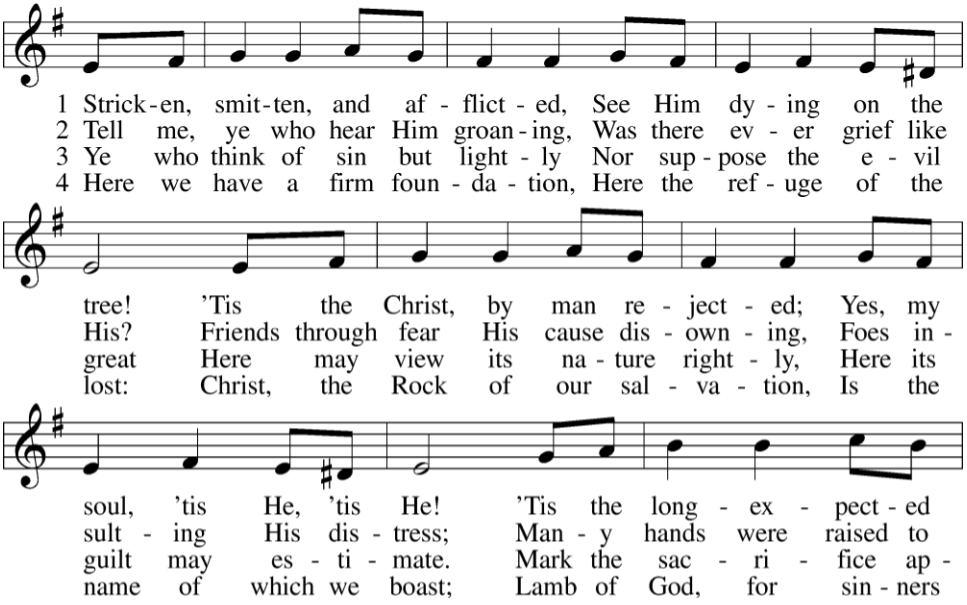
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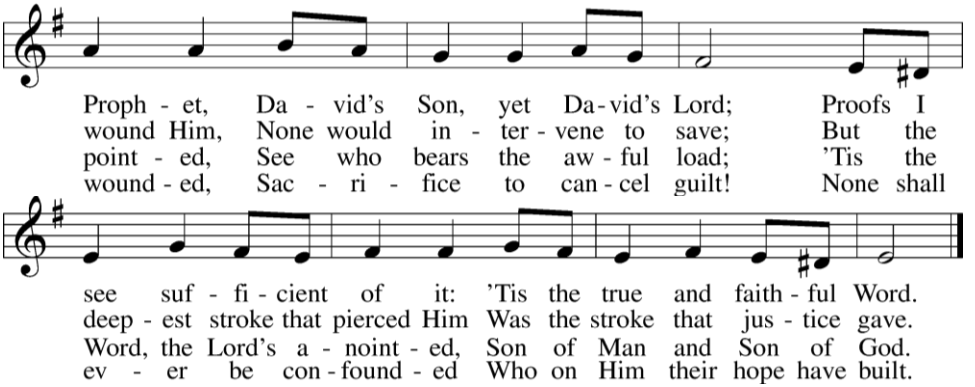
Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

Please stand

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted *LSB 451*





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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 ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen. We are forgiven and freed to live under Christ's power and authority.**

Psalmody

Psalm 69:1–3, 13–14, 16–18; antiphon: v. 16

P: Answer me, O LORD, for Your steadfast love is good;
according to Your abundant mercy, turn to me.

C: Save me, O God!
For the waters have come up to my neck.

P: I sink in deep mire,
where there is no foothold;

C: I have come into deep waters,
and the flood sweeps over me.

P: I am weary with my crying out;
my throat is parched.

C: My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God.

P: But as for me, my prayer is to You, O LORD.

C: At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of Your steadfast love answer me in Your saving faithfulness.

P: Deliver me from sinking in the mire;

C: 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, redeem me;
ransom me because of my enemies!

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.

P: Answer me, O LORD, for Your steadfast love is good;
according to Your abundant mercy, turn to me.

Please be seated

What a Friend We Have in Jesus *LSB 770*



Old Testament *Isaiah 53:1-5*

[1]Who has believed what they heard from us?
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
[2]For 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.
[3]He 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.
[4]Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
[5]But 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.

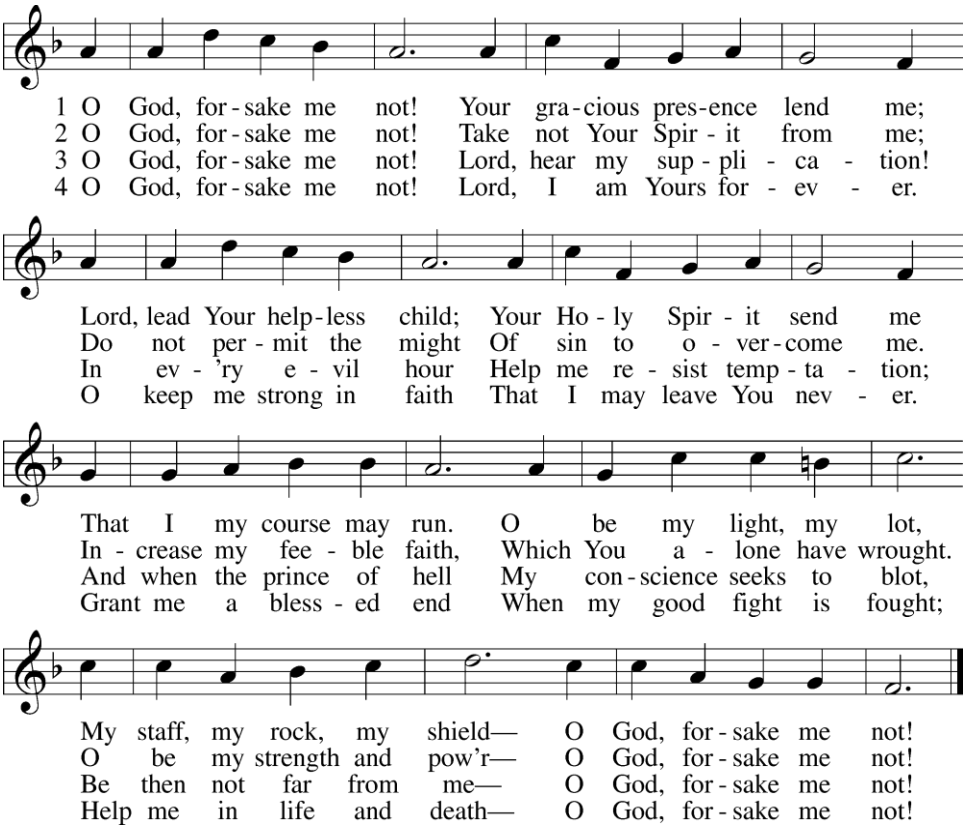
P: O Lord, have mercy on us.
C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle *2 Corinthians 1:1-5*

[1]Paul, 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:
[2]Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
[3]Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, [4]who 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. [5]For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.
C: Thanks be to God.

O God, Forsake Me Not *LSB 731*



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Holy Gospel *John 18:1–11*

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

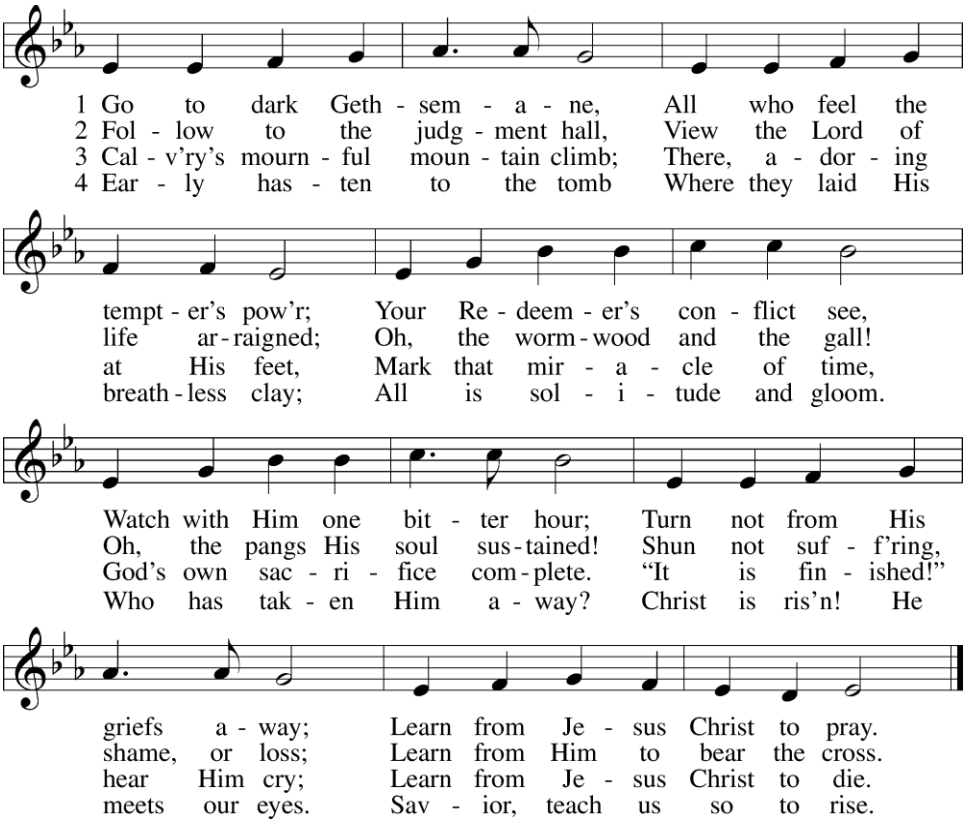
[1]When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples across the Kidron Valley, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered. [2]Now Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with His disciples. [3]So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. [4]Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to Him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" [5]They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am He." Judas, who betrayed Him, was standing with them. [6]When Jesus said to them, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground. [7]So He asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." [8]Jesus answered, "I told you that I am He. So, if you seek Me, let these men go." [9]This was to fulfill the word that He had spoken: "Of those whom You gave Me I have lost not one." [10]Then 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.) [11]So 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.



Please be seated

Go to Dark Gethsemane *LSB 436*



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Sermon

Pie Jesu (Holy Jesus) Adult Choir Women

Please stand

Versicles and Collects

Psalm 102:1; Psalm 17:8; Psalm 17:15

P: Hear my prayer, O Lord;
C: listen to my cry.

P: Keep me as the apple of Your eye;
C: hide me in the shadow of Your wings.

P: In righteousness I shall see You;
C: when I awake, Your presence will give me joy.

P: O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; Lord in Your mercy;
C: **Hear our prayer.**

P: Deliver us, O Lord, from temptation to manage and control the troubles and uncertainties of this mortal life and grant us faith in You, that our peace may come not from the things around us but from the grace and mercy You have manifested upon the cross, once for all; Lord in Your mercy:
C: **Hear our prayer.**

P: Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. Abide with us and with Your whole Church. Abide with us at the end of the day, at the end of our life, at the end of the world. Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your holy Word and Sacrament, with Your strength and blessing. Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation comes upon us, the night of fear and despair, the night when death draws near. Abide with us and with all the faithful, now and forever.
C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer *Matthew 6:9–13*

P: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

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.**

Benedicamus

P: Let us bless the Lord.

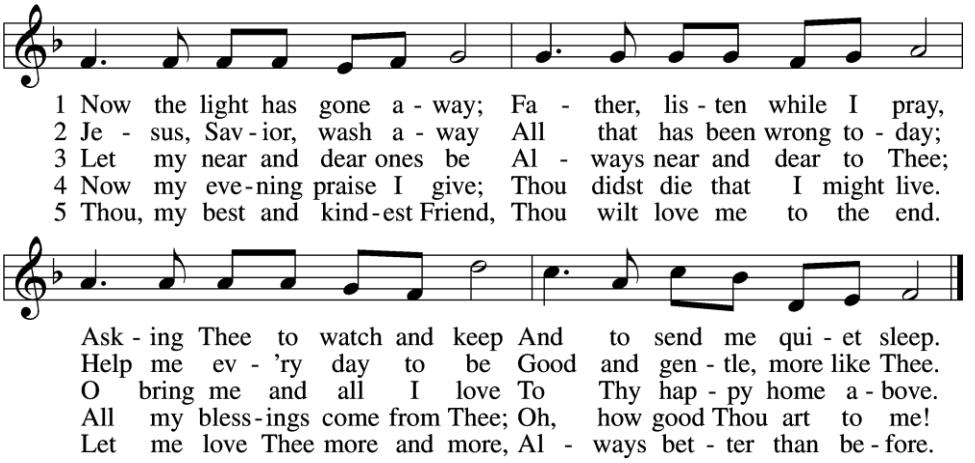
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Benedication

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: Amen.

Now the Light Has Gone Away *LSB 887*



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WITNESSES TO CHRIST: PEOPLE FROM HIS PASSION

This Lent, our life in Christ will be strengthened as we hear the witness of those in John's Gospel who journeyed to the cross. Along the way, we'll meet villains, such as Barabbas and Pontius Pilate, as well as sinners, such as Peter (who denied Jesus *three* times), Mary Magdalene (who was possessed by *seven* demons), and Judas Iscariot (who betrayed Jesus for *thirty* pieces of silver).

Please join us for worship as we hear the witness of these people in John's Gospel:

Lent 3: Wednesday, March 23, 6:30 p.m.
Peter, John 18:12–27

Lent 4: Wednesday, March 30, 6:30 p.m.
Barabbas, John 18:33–40

Lent 5: Wednesday, April 6, 6:30 p.m.
Pontius Pilate, John 19:1–16

Maundy Thursday, April 14, 7 pm:
Judas Iscariot, John 13:21–30

Good Friday April 15, 12 noon with communion and Tenebrae, 7 p.m.
John, the Gospel Writer, John 19:25–37

The Resurrection of Our Lord, Sunday, April 17, 8 and 10:30 a.m.
Mary Magdalene, John 20:1–18

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