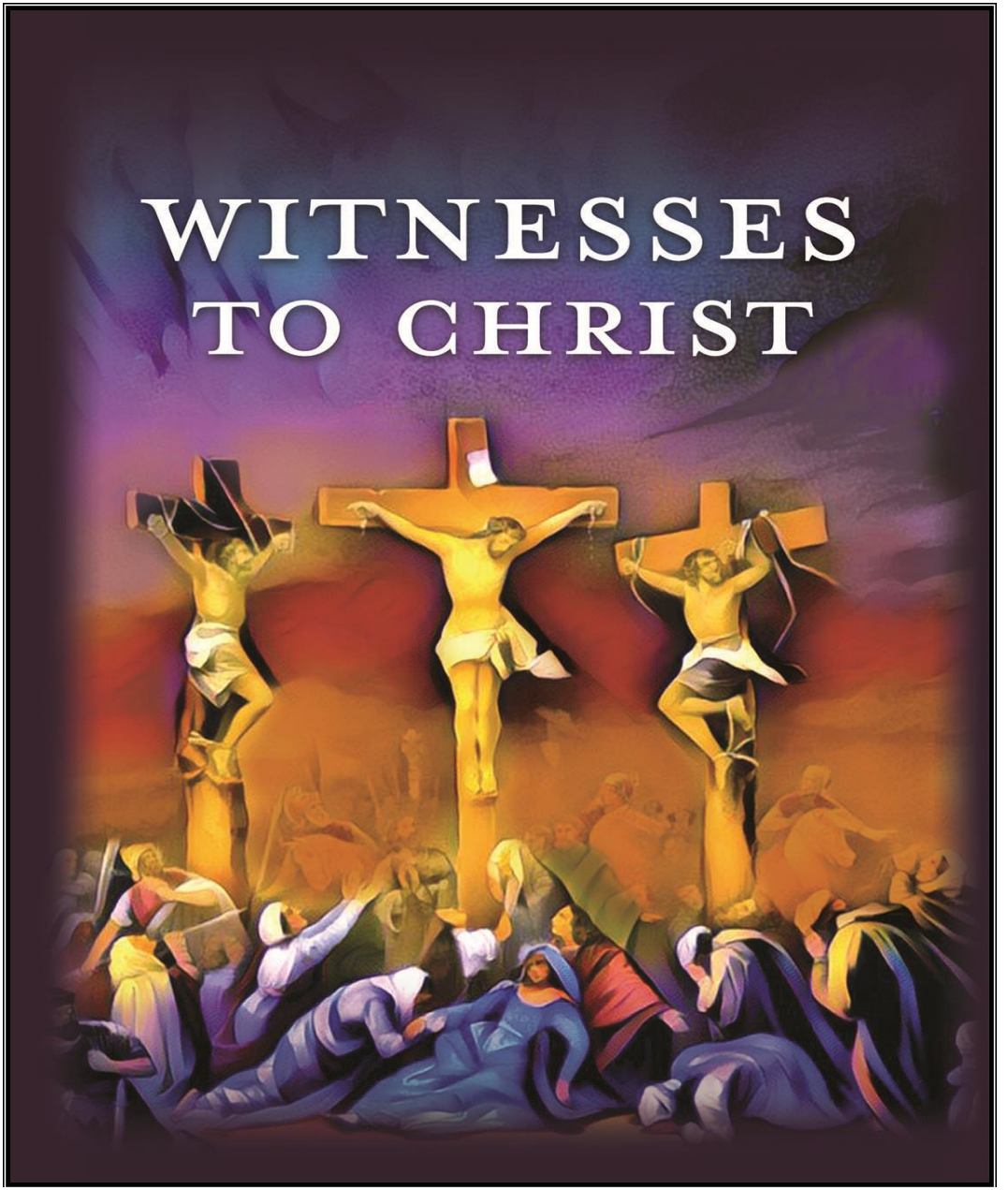


Mary, the Sister of Lazarus and Martha
Midweek Lenten Service I
Wednesday, March 9, 2022
6:30 pm

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.

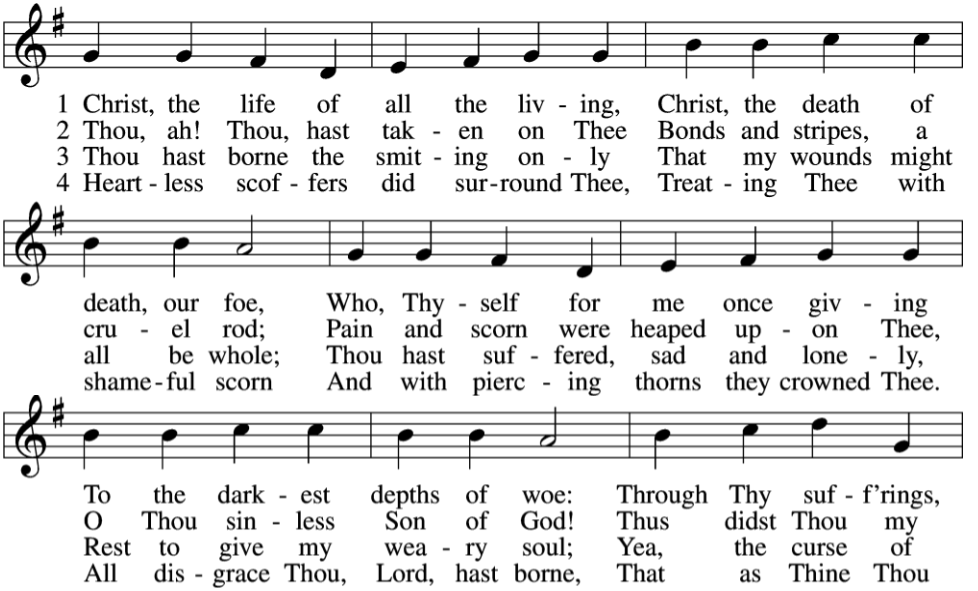
Preservice Music

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

Please stand

Christ, the Life of All the Living *LSB 420*





Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden,
I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry,
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

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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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. We are generously forgiven and joyfully restored.

Psalmody

Psalm 73:23–28; antiphon: v. 1

P: Truly God is good to Israel,
to those who are pure in heart.

**C: Nevertheless, I am continually with You;
You hold my right hand**.

P: You guide me with Your counsel,
and afterward You will receive me to glory.

**C: Whom have I in heaven but You?
And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides You.**

P: My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

**C: For behold, those who are far from You shall perish;
You put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to You.**

P: But for me it is good to be near God;

**C: I have made the Lord GOD my refuge,
that I may tell of all Your works.**

**All: 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: Truly God is good to Israel,
to those who are pure in heart.

Please be seated

Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings *LSB 782*



Text: Gregory J. Wismar, 1946

GOD IS
gracious

Old Testament *Proverbs 11:24–28*

P: The Old Testament Reading is from Proverbs, the eleventh chapter.

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

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

Epistle *2 Corinthians 9:6–12*

P: The Epistle is from Second Corinthians, the ninth chapter.

[6]The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. [7]Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. [8]And 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. [9]As it is written,

"He has distributed freely, He has given to the poor;
His righteousness endures forever."

[10]He 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. [11]You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. [12]For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.

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

Holy Gospel *John 12:1–11*

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

[1]Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. [2]So they gave a dinner for Him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with Him at the table. [3]Mary 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. [4]But 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?" [6]He 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. [7]Jesus said, "Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of My burial. [8]The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have Me."

[9]When 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. [10]So the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well, [11]because 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.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary *LSB 423*



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Sermon

Thank You Jesus for the Blood **Phoebe Bergt, soloist**

I was a wretch I remember who I was
I was lost I was blind I was running out of time
Sin separated the breach was far too wide
But from the far side of the chasm
You had me in Your sight

So You made a way across the great divide
Left behind Heaven's throne to build it here inside
There at the cross You paid the debt I owed
Broke my chains freed my soul
For the first time I had hope

Chorus
Thank You Jesus for the blood applied
Thank You Jesus it has washed me white
Thank You Jesus You have saved my life
Brought me from the darkness into glorious light Chorus

You took my place laid inside my tomb of sin
You were buried for three days
But then You walked right out again
And now death has no sting and life has no end
For I have been transformed by the blood of the Lamb

Bridge
There is nothing stronger
Than (Oh) the wonder working power
Of the blood the blood
That calls us sons and daughters
We are ransomed by our Father
Through the blood the blood (Repeat bridge) Chorus

Glory to His name Glory to His Name
There to my heart was the blood applied Glory to His name

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 Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in Your mercy grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last; Lord, in Your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

P: Visit our dwellings, O Lord, and drive from them all the snares of the enemy; let Your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let Your blessing be on us always; Lord, in Your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

P: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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 Rest beneath Night's Shadow *LSB 880*



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