Midweek of Lent 2 - March 16, 2022 12:00 & 7:00 PM WITNESSES TO CHRIST

ORDER OF VESPERS

MALCHUS

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.

HYMN SING

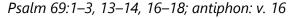
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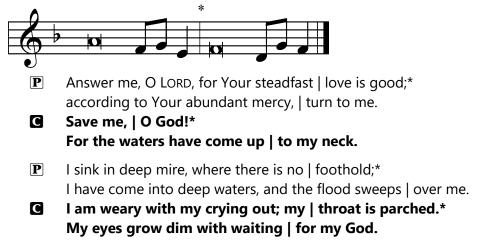
Stand

PSALM

OPENING VERSICLES

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- 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.
- Deliver me from sinking | in the mire;* let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep | waters.
- Answer me, O LORD, for Your steadfast | love is good;* according to Your abundant mercy, | turn to me.
- Hide not Your face from Your servant; for I am | in distress;* make haste to | answer me.
- Draw near to my soul, re- | deem me;* ransom me because of my | enemies!
- 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.
- Answer me, O LORD, for Your steadfast | love is good;* according to Your abundant mercy, | turn to me.

PSALM PRAYER

- 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

'Behold! The Lamb of God,' John Said

SERIES HYMN

- "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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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

- 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.
- 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.



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.
- **G** Praise to You, O Christ.

RESPONSORY FOR LENT	Psalm 51:14, 59:1, 141:8
0 H Verse	To Refrain
L 1 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, t	for You are the God of my sal - va - tion.
2 In You, O Lord, do I put my trust,	
3 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, t	
	the God of my sal - va - tion.
A H Refrain	
G Rescue me from my en - e - mies,	protect me from those who rise a - gainst me.
Sit	
OFFICE HYMN	Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing LSB 421
SERMON	Malchus
	John 12:1-11
	Vicar Zach Roll
	Vicar Zach Roll
Stand	
Stand	
CANTICLE	Sing Praise to the God of Israel
	LSB 936
OFFERING	
PRAYERS	LSB 233
PRATERS	L3D 233
BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION	LSB 234
CLOSING HYMN	I am Trusting These land large
	I am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus
POSTILIDE	LSB 729
POSTLUDE	

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