Witnesses to Christ: People from his passion

# WITNESSES TO CHRIST



Good Friday Morning April 15, 2022 9:00 a.m.

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# JOHN, THE GOSPEL WRITER

Our journey to follow Christ through witnesses to Christ arrives now at the cross. Tonight, we view Christ on the cross through the author's eyes—John, Apostle and Evangelist, the beloved disciple, the son of Zebedee, and the brother of James. By John's witness, we view Jesus beaten and bloodied. We hear His words of forgiveness and fulfillment. We see Him shedding His blood for the life of the world. As we sing and pray and sit in silence this evening, we ponder Christ's love for us. We marvel at His gifts of forgiveness and salvation, for we have been clothed with the blood of Christ.

#### All enter the church in silence.

#### Stand

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

#### Sit

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

#### ISAIAH 52:13-53:12

P The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, the fifty-second and fifty-third chapters. Behold, My servant shall act wisely; He shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. As many were astonished at you—His appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and His form beyond that of the children of mankind—so shall He sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of Him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? 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. 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. Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 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. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth. By oppression and judgment He was taken away; and as for His generation, who considered that He was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of My people? And they made His grave with the wicked and with a rich man in His death, although He had done no violence, and there was no deceit in His mouth. Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush Him; He has put Him to grief; when His soul makes an offering for sin, He shall see His offspring; He shall prolong His days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. Out of the anguish

of His soul He shall see and be satisfied; by His knowledge shall the righteous one, My servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and He shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the many, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong, because He poured out His soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet He bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors. **P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

# Silence

# Stand

**P** Let us pray.

Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

# Sit

# EPISTLE

**P** The Epistle is from Hebrews, the fourth and fifth chapters.

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need....

In the days of His flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to Him who was able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverence. Although He was a son, He learned obedience through what He suffered. And being made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

# Silence

# Stand

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

Sit

# HEBREWS 4:14-16; 5:7-9

SERMON HYMN: 刀"JESUS, I WILL PONDER NOW"

- Jesus, I will ponder now On Your holy passion;
   With Your Spirit me endow For such meditation.
   Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherish
   Of Your suff'ring, pain, and death That I may not perish.
- 2 Make me see Your great distress, Anguish, and affliction, Bonds and stripes and wretchedness And Your crucifixion; Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You, How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.
- Yet, O Lord, not thus alone Make me see Your passion, But its cause to me make known And its termination.
   Ah! I also and my sin Wrought Your deep affliction; This indeed the cause has been Of Your crucifixion.
- Grant that I Your passion view With repentant grieving.
   Let me not bring shame to You By unholy living.
   How could I refuse to shun Ev'ry sinful pleasure
   Since for me God's only Son Suffered without measure?
- If my sins give me alarm And my conscience grieve me,
   Let Your cross my fear disarm; Peace of conscience give me.
   Help me see forgiveness won By Your holy passion.
   If for me He slays His Son, God must have compassion!
- Graciously my faith renew; Help me bear my crosses,
   Learning humbleness from You, Peace mid pain and losses.
   May I give You love for love! Hear me, O my Savior,
   That I may in heav'n above Sing Your praise forever.

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SERMON: "JOHN, THE GOSPEL WRITER"

By Pastor David Mumm

#### HYMN: 刀"A LAMB GOES UNCOMPLAINING FORTH"

- 1 A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth, The guilt of sinners bearing And, laden with the sins of earth, None else the burden sharing; Goes patient on, grows weak and faint, To slaughter led without complaint, That spotless life to offer, He bears the stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mockery, and yet replies, "All this I gladly suffer."
- 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The Lamb of God, our Savior, Whom God the Father chose to send To gain for us His favor. "Go forth, My Son," the Father said, "And free My children from their dread Of guilt and condemnation. The wrath and stripes are hard to bear, But by Your passion they will share The fruit of Your salvation."

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- 3 "Yes, Father, yes, most willingly I'll bear what You command Me. My will conforms to Your decree, I'll do what You have asked Me." O wondrous Love, what have You done! The Father offers up His Son, Desiring our salvation. O Love, how strong You are to save! You lay the One into the grave Who built the earth's foundation.
- Lord, when Your glory I shall see And taste Your kingdom's pleasure, Your blood my royal robe shall be, My joy beyond all measure!
  When I appear before Your throne, Your righteousness shall be my crown; With these I need not hide me. And there, in garments richly wrought, As Your own bride shall we be brought To stand in joy beside You.

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# Stand

#### **BIDDING PRAYER**

- ▶ Let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ:
- Almighty and everlasting God, since You have revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of His truth, keep, we ask You, in safety the works of Your mercy so that Your Church, spread throughout all the nations, may be defended against the adversary and may serve You in true faith and persevere in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

#### C Amen.

- **P** Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word, for all vocations in the Church, and for all the people of God:
- Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole Body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive the supplications and prayers which we offer before You for all Your servants in Your holy Church that every member of the same may truly serve You according to Your calling; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

# C Amen.

- ▶ Let us pray for our catechumens, that our Lord God would open their hearts and the door of His mercy that, having received the remission of all their sins by the washing of regeneration, they may be mindful of their Baptism and evermore be found in Christ Jesus, our Lord:
- Almighty God and Father, because You always grant growth to Your Church, increase the faith and understanding of our catechumens that, rejoicing in their new birth by the water of Holy Baptism, they may forever continue in the family of those whom You adopt as Your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

# C Amen.

- **P** Let us pray for all in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty:
- O merciful Father in heaven, because You hold in Your hand all the might of man and because You have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we humbly pray You graciously to regard Your servants, especially our President; the Congress of the United States; our Governor; and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws; that all who receive the sword as Your ministers may bear it according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

- Let us pray our Lord God Almighty that He would deliver the world from all error, take away disease, ward off famine, set free those in bondage, and grant health to the sick and a safe journey to all who travel:
- P Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, may the prayers of those who in any tribulation or distress cry to You graciously come before You, so that in all their necessities they may rejoice in Your manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

# C Amen.

- Almighty and everlasting God, because You seek not the death but the life of all, hear our prayers for all who have no right knowledge of You, free them from their error, and for the glory of Your name bring them into the fellowship of Your holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

# C Amen.

- ▶ Let us pray for peace, that we may come to the knowledge of God's holy Word and walk before Him as is fitting for Christians:
- Almighty and everlasting God, King of glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, the God of peace and the author of all concord, grant us, we implore You, Your heavenly peace and concord that we may serve You in true fear, to the praise and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

# C Amen.

- Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously grant them such things as are both needful for them and profitable for their salvation:
- O almighty, everlasting God, through Your only Son, our blessed Lord, You have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We therefore earnestly implore You that by Your gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Christian Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

# C Amen.

- Let us pray for the fruits of the earth, that God would send down His blessing upon them and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them according to His own good will:
- O Lord, Father Almighty, by Your Word You created and You continue to bless and uphold all things. We pray You so to reveal to us Your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ that, through His dwelling in our hearts, we may by Your grace be made ready to receive Your blessing on all the fruits of the earth and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

# C Amen.

- **P** Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:
- 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.

# **Adoration of the Cross**

- **P** Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.
- **G** O come, let us worship Him.
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# **G** O come, let us worship Him.

#### Sit

#### REPROACHES

- Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged. For I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed your Savior to the cross. O My people.
- ▶ Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy.

# HYMN: 刀"LAMB OF GOD, PURE AND HOLY"

- Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer, Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer. All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us: Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!
- Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given Me over and delivered Me to those who persecute Me. For I have fed you with My Word and refreshed you with living water, and you have given Me gall and vinegar to drink. O My people.
- P Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, allow us not to lose hope in the face of death and hell. O Lord, have mercy.

# HYMN: ∬"LAMB OF GOD, PURE AND HOLY"

- Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer, Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.
   All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us: Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!
- Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. What more could have been done for My vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank your God? O My people.
- ▶ Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith. O Lord, have mercy.

# HYMN: ∬"LAMB OF GOD, PURE AND HOLY"

Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,
 Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.
 All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:
 Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

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#### LSB 434 V. 3

#### ADORATION OF CHRIST

We adore You, O Lord, and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection. For behold, by the wood of Your cross joy has come into all the world. God be merciful to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy upon us. We adore You, O Lord, and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection. For behold, by the wood of Your cross joy has come into all the world.

#### PREFACE

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C∩And with thy spirit**.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **⊡**, We lift them up unto the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- **G□** It is meet and right so to do.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

#### SANCTUS

☑ □ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

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.

#### **C D** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

#### PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C□ Amen.

#### AGNUS DEI

□ ○ Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

#### Sit

DISTRIBUTION

#### DISTRIBUTION HYMN: カ"GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE"

- 1 Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter's pow'r; Your Redeemer's conflict see, Watch with Him one bitter hour; Turn not from His griefs away; Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.
- 2 Follow to the judgment hall, View the Lord of life arraigned; Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs His soul sustained! Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.
- 3 Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at His feet, Mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete. "It is finished!" hear Him cry; Learn from Jesus Christ to die.
- 4 Early hasten to the tomb Where they laid His breathless clay; All is solitude and gloom. Who has taken Him away? Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Savior, teach us so to rise. Text: Public domain

#### DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 刀"STRICKEN, SMITTEN, AND AFFLICTED"

- 1 Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, See Him dying on the tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man rejected; Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long-expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord; Proofs I see sufficient of it: 'Tis the true and faithful Word.
- 2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning, Was there ever grief like His? Friends through fear His cause disowning, Foes insulting His distress; Many hands were raised to wound Him, None would intervene to save; But the deepest stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that justice gave.
- 3 Ye who think of sin but lightly Nor suppose the evil great Here may view its nature rightly, Here its guilt may estimate. Mark the sacrifice appointed, See who bears the awful load; 'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.
- 4 Here we have a firm foundation, Here the refuge of the lost: Christ, the Rock of our salvation, Is the name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, Sacrifice to cancel guilt! None shall ever be confounded Who on Him their hope have built. Text: Public domain

#### DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 刀"O DEAREST JESUS, WHAT LAW HAST THOU BROKEN?"

1 O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken? Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession, What dark transgression? LSB 439

- 2 They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee; With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee; They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee; They crucify Thee.
- 3 Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish? It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish; Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit, This I do merit.
- 4 What punishment so strange is suffered yonder! The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander; The Master pays the debt His servants owe Him, Who would not know Him.
- 5 The sinless Son of God must die in sadness; The sinful child of man may live in gladness; Man forfeited his life and is acquitted; God is committed.
- 6 There was no spot in me by sin untainted; Sick with sin's poison, all my heart had fainted; My heavy guilt to hell had well-nigh brought me, Such woe it wrought me.
- 7 O wondrous love, whose depth no heart hath sounded, That brought Thee here, by foes and thieves surrounded! All worldly pleasures, heedless, I was trying While Thou wert dying.
- 8 O mighty King, no time can dim Thy glory! How shall I spread abroad Thy wondrous story? How shall I find some worthy gifts to proffer? What dare I offer?
- 9 For vainly doth our human wisdom ponder—
  Thy woes, Thy mercy, still transcend our wonder.
  Oh, how should I do aught that could delight Thee!
  Can I requite Thee?
- 10 Yet unrequited, Lord, I would not leave Thee; I will renounce whate'er doth vex or grieve Thee And quench with thoughts of Thee and prayers most lowly All fires unholy.

- But since my strength will nevermore suffice me To crucify desires that still entice me, To all good deeds O let Thy Spirit win me And reign within me!
- 12 I'll think upon Thy mercy without ceasing, That earth's vain joys to me no more be pleasing; To do Thy will shall be my sole endeavor Henceforth forever.
- 13 Whate'er of earthly good this life may grant me,
  I'll risk for Thee; no shame, no cross, shall daunt me.
  I shall not fear what foes can do to harm me
  Nor death alarm me.
- 14 But worthless is my sacrifice, I own it; Yet, Lord, for love's sake Thou wilt not disown it; Thou wilt accept my gift in Thy great meekness Nor shame my weakness.
- And when, dear Lord, before Thy throne in heaven To me the crown of joy at last is given, Where sweetest hymns Thy saints forever raise Thee, I, too, shall praise Thee.

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# Stand

# NUNC DIMITTIS

**C** □ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

#### THANKSGIVING

■ O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

# **G□** and His mercy endureth forever.

P Let us pray.

We implore You, O Lord, that Your abundant blessing may be upon Your people who have held the passion and death of Your Son in devout remembrance, that we may receive Your pardon and the gift of Your comfort, and may increase in faith and take hold of eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

# **C**刀Amen.

# SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C∩**And with thy spirit.

#### **P** Bless we the Lord.

#### **⊡**, Thanks be to God.

# BENEDICTION

- P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and +→ give you peace.
- **G**, Amen, amen, amen.

#### CLOSING HYMN: 刀"WERE YOU THERE"

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Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
 Oh . . .

Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Oh...

Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?Oh . . .

Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

4 Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb? Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb? Oh...

Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?

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All leave in silence.

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Join us for our continuing observance of the Passion of our Lord.

#### HOLY WEEK

#### MAUNDY THURSDAY April 14

7:00 p.m.

Worship w/Communion



GOOD FRIDAY

April 15 9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.

# EASTER DAY

April 17 6:30 a.m. . 9:00 a.m.



Worship w/ Communion

Service of Darkness

Easter Sunrise Service Festival Worship