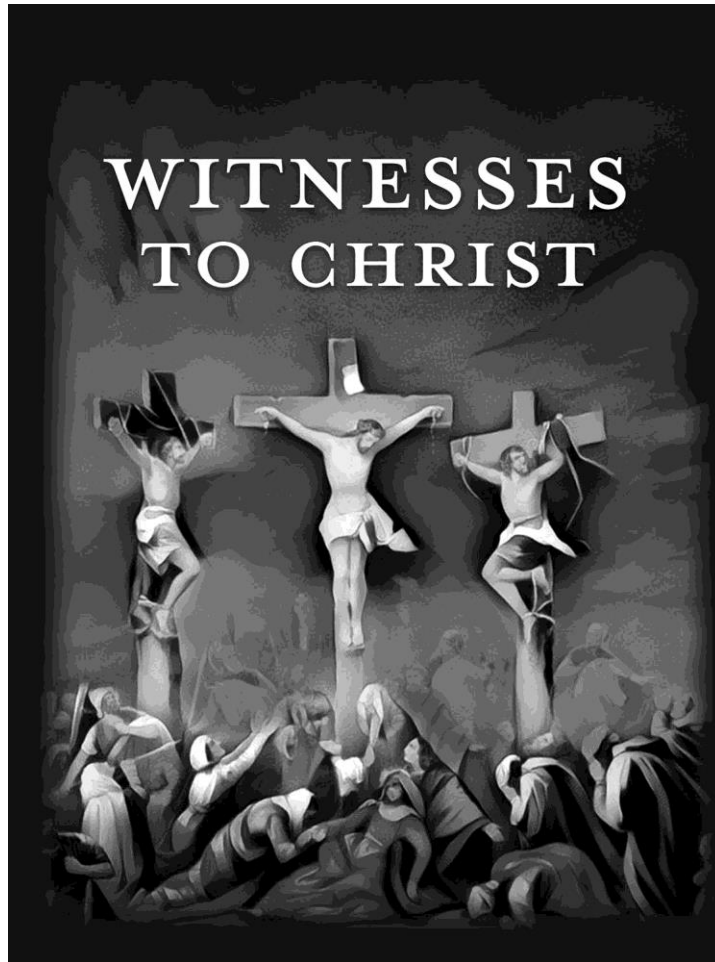


THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

March 9, 2022 12:15pm & 6:30pm

Mary, the Sister of Lazarus and Martha



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.

Call to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

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Lord of All Hopefulness

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.**

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 11:24–28

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

²⁴One gives freely, yet grows all the richer;
another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.

²⁵Whoever brings blessing will be enriched,
and one who waters will himself be watered.

²⁶The people curse him who holds back grain,
but a blessing is on the head of him who sells it.

²⁷Whoever diligently seeks good seeks favor,
but evil comes to him who searches for it.

²⁸Whoever 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.

Psalm

Psalm 100

P Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

C Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!

P Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

C Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

P For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

**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.**

Epistle

2 Corinthians 9:6–12

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

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

“He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰He 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. ¹¹You will be enriched in every

way for all your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. ¹²For 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.**

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

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

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Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

- 1 Jesus, refuge of the weary, Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above:
Often have Your eyes, offended, Gazed upon the sinner's fall;
Yet upon the cross extended, You have borne the pain of all.
- 2 Do we pass that cross unheeding, Breathing no repentant vow,
Though we see You wounded, bleeding, See Your thorn-encircled brow?
Yet Your sinless death has brought us Life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what Your grace has taught us Calms the sinner's deep distress.

(continued)

- 3 Jesus, may our hearts be burning
With more fervent love for You;
May our eyes be ever turning
To behold Your cross anew
Till in glory, parted never
From the blessed Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever,
Dwell the cross, the Crucified.
- 4 Through Your Word are faithful servants
Used as instruments by You,
Pointing to Christ's wondrous mission:
Perfect Savior, hope renewed.
As we journey now with Mary,
Through Christ's life and lessons bless,
Seeing Jesus as fulfillment,
He in whom we find our rest.

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Sermon

Collection of Cards / Preparation for Prayer

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

- 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.**

Benediction

- P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
C **Amen.**

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God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven

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Worship with us

5:30 pm Saturday 8:00 & 10:30am Sunday

Midweek Lenten Services

12:15pm and 6:30pm

March 16

Malchus, John 18:1–11

March 23

Peter, John 18:12–27

March 30

Barabbas, John 18:33–40

April 6

Pontius Pilate, John 19:1–16

Maundy Thursday w/Holy Communion

April 14 at 12:15pm and 6:30pm

Judas Iscariot, John 13:21–30

Good Friday

April 15 at 12:15pm and 6:30pm

John, the Gospel Writer, John 19:25–37

The Resurrection of Our Lord w/Holy Communion

April 17 at 6:00am, 8:00am, and 10:30am

Mary Magdalene, John 20:1–18