



## **Midweek Lenten Series, Week 2: Witness At The Cross – The Other Victims**

### *Prelude*

*Welcome: As we gather, you may light a candle and place it on the rungs of the ladder as an indication of your presence as a witness at the cross.*

### **Opening Dialogue** *(from Psalm 61)*

Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer.

**From the end of the earth I call to you.**

Lead me to the rock that is higher than I;

**you are my refuge, a strong tower.**

Let me abide in your tent forever,

**and find refuge under the shelter of your wings.**

You, O God, have heard my vows.

**I will always sing praises to your name.**

**Gathering Song:** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross LBW 482

### **Prayer**

Holy God, strengthen us to stand, in our minds and hearts, before the cross of Jesus, that we may wrestle with questions asked by those crucified with him and hear in new ways his promise of paradise. Amen.

**Reading:** Psalm 69:1-15 (LBW p. 245)

*read responsively by whole verse*

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**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.**

**Tune:** (LBW 93, st. 3)

**Gospel:** Mark 10:35-45; Luke 23:39-43

**Reflection**

**Hymn of the Day** Jesus, Remember Me

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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*(Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community)*

**Prayer:**

Righteous God, this world falls so far short of your good will for it. Remember all people who live in the wake of crime and violence: victims, perpetrators, those imprisoned justly and unjustly, those awaiting execution, those sworn to protect the public safety and to administer justice. Strengthen us to seek true justice and to pursue true peace, for the sake of him who was taken away by a perversion of justice, but who promises your kingdom will come and is even today present among us. Amen.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**Our Father . . .**

**Blessing** *Based on Galatians 2:19-20*

People of God, you have been crucified with Christ,  
and it is no longer you who live,

but it is Christ who lives in you.

Go forth with Christ into the night,  
that you may also rise with him.

**Amen.**

**Sending Song:** My Hope is Built on Nothing Less LBW 293/294

*Postlude*