



Midweek Lenten Series, Week 4: Witness At The Cross – The Beloved Disciple

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 32)

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven.

Happy are those in whose spirit there is no deceit.

While I kept silence, my body wasted away.

My strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Then I confessed my transgressions to the Lord,

who forgave the guilt of my sin.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous.

Shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Gathering Song: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy LBW 290

Prayer

Holy God, strengthen us to stand, in our minds and hearts, before the cross of Jesus, that we may be seen by his loving eyes and in turn see others the same way. Amen.

Reading: Psalm 22:7-10, 21-30 LBW p. 224)

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: John 13:21-26, 33-35; John 21:20-24; John 19:25b-27

Reflection

Hymn of the Day Where Charity and Love Prevail LBW 126

Prayer:

Loving God, we would all be Jesus' Beloved Disciples. So grant us, in your grace, the willingness to stay close to him, even at his cross; to ask the questions he alone can answer; and to care for those he entrusts to us, both within and without his new family. 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: God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven LBW 281

Postlude

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