



Lent 4
Midweek Worship
Murderous Eyes

Opening Hymn

“Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed” | CW 129



1 A - las! and did my Sav - ior bleed, And
2 Was it for crimes that I had done He
3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And
4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face While
5 But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay The



did my Sov - 'reign die? Would he de - vote that
groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y,
shut its glo - ries in When God, the might - y
his dear cross ap - pears, Dis - solve my heart in
debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give my -



sa - cred head For sin - ners such as I?
grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree!
Mak - er, died For his own crea - tures' sin.
thank - ful - ness, And melt my eyes to tears.
self a - way— 'Tis all that I can do.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.

Tune: MARTYRDOM (CM) Hugh Wilson, c. 1766–1824.



M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.



C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



M: Has - ten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.



M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



C: Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift - ing



up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice. O Lord, I



call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I



cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

THE WORD

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 10:1-12

The psalm tells of the wicked intentions of evil adversaries and asks God for help.

M: Rise up, LORD God! Lift up your hand.

Do not forget the oppressed.

C: LORD, why do you stand so far away?

Why do you hide in times of trouble?

M: In arrogance the wicked relentlessly pursue their victims;
let them be caught in the schemes they have devised.

**C: For the wicked one boasts about his own cravings;
the one who is greedy curses and despises the LORD.**

M: In all his scheming, the wicked person arrogantly thinks,
“There’s no accountability, since there’s no God.”

**C: His ways are always secure;
your lofty judgments have no effect on him;
he scoffs at all his adversaries.**

M: He says to himself, “I will never be moved—
from generation to generation I will be without calamity.”

**C: Cursing, deceit, and violence fill his mouth;
trouble and malice are under his tongue**

M: He waits in ambush near settlements;
he kills the innocent in secret places.
His eyes are on the lookout for the helpless;

**C: he lurks in secret like a lion in a thicket.
He lurks in order to seize a victim;
he seizes a victim and drags him in his net.**

M: So he is oppressed and beaten down;
helpless people fall because of the wicked one’s strength

**C: He says to himself, “God has forgotten;
he hides his face and will never see.”**

M: Rise up, LORD God! Lift up your hand.
Do not forget the oppressed.

Silence for meditation



1 Up - on the cross ex - tend - ed, See, world, your Lord sus -
 2 How God at our trans - gres - sion To an - ger gives ex -
 3 'Tis I who should be smit - ten, My doom should here be
 4 A crown of thorns you're wear - ing, My shame and scorn you're
 5 Your cords of love, my Sav - ior, Bind me to you for -



pend - ed; Your Sav - ior yields his breath. The Prince of
 pres - sion, How loud his thun - ders roll, How fear - ful -
 writ - ten: Bound hand and foot in hell. The fet - ters
 bear - ing That I might ran - somed be. My bonds-man,
 ev - er; I am no long - er mine. To you I



life from heav - en Him - self has free - ly giv - en
 ly he smites him, How sore - ly he re - quites him—
 and the scourg - ing, The floods a - round you surg - ing,
 ev - er will - ing, My place with pa - tience fill - ing,
 glad - ly ten - der All that my life can ren - der



To shame and blows and bit - ter death.
 All this your suf - f'rings teach my soul.
 'Tis I who have de - served them well.
 From sin and guilt has made me free.
 And all I have to you re - sign.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. John Kelly, 1833–90, alt.
 Tune: O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN (776 778) Heinrich Isaac, c. 1450–1517, alt.

LESSON

Job 24:13–17

Job notes how those who are evil seek to hide in darkness.

¹³The wicked are those who rebel against the light.

They do not recognize its ways
 or stay on its paths.

¹⁴The murderer rises at dawn
 to kill the poor and needy,

and by night he becomes a thief.

¹⁵The adulterer's eye watches for twilight,
thinking, "No eye will see me,"
and he covers his face.

¹⁶In the dark they break^[a] into houses;
by day they lock themselves in,^[b]
never experiencing the light.

¹⁷For the morning is like darkness to them.

Surely they are familiar with the terrors of darkness!

M: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

LESSON

1 John 3:11–15

John writes that love is essential for those who have heard the Gospel.

¹¹For this is the message you have heard from the beginning: We should love one another, ¹²unlike Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his deeds were evil, and his brother's were righteous.

¹³Do not be surprised, brothers and sisters, if the world hates you. ¹⁴We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers and sisters. The one who does not love remains in death. ¹⁵Everyone who hates his brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him.

M: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

LESSON

Matthew 23:29–36

Jesus condemns those who persecuted the prophets before Him.

²⁹"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the graves of the righteous, ³⁰and you say, 'If we had lived in the days of our ancestors, we wouldn't have taken part with them in shedding the prophets' blood.' ³¹So you testify against yourselves that you are descendants of those who murdered the prophets. ³²Fill up, then, the measure of your ancestors' sins!

³³"Snakes! Brood of vipers! How can you escape being condemned to hell?^[a] ³⁴This is why I am sending you prophets, sages, and scribes. Some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will flog in your synagogues and pursue from town to town. ³⁵So all the righteous blood shed on the earth will be charged to you,^[b] from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. ³⁶Truly I tell you, all these things will come on this generation.

M: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

DEVOTION

Mark 14:1, 53–65

HYMN

Murderous Eyes

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing | CW 340

1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My great
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As - sist
 3 The name of Je - sus calms our fears And bids
 4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He sets
 5 See all your sins on Je - sus laid; The Lamb



Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
 me to pro - claim, To spread through all the
 our sor - rows cease. 'Tis mu - sic in the
 the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the
 of God was slain. His life was once an



God and King, The tri - umphs of his grace!
 earth a - broad, The hon - ors of your name.
 sin - ner's ears; 'Tis life and health and peace.
 foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.
 off - 'ring made That you might live a - gain.

6 Glory to God and praise and love
 Be ever, ever giv'n
 By saints below and saints above,
 The Church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, abr., alt.
 Tune: BEATITUDO (CM) John B. Dykes, 1823–76.

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER

M: Lord Jesus Christ, we often have gazed with murderous hatred upon our fellow man. Look upon us with favor, forgive all our sins, and replace all hatred in our hearts with love for You and our neighbor; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.


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SONG OF SIMEON



C: In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de - part
ac - cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen
your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry
peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

BLESSING



M: The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.
C: A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven | CW 590



1 God, who made the earth and heav - en, Dark -
 2 And when morn a - gain shall call us To
 3 Guard us wak - ing, guard us sleep - ing, And,
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, throned in heav - en, All -

ness and light, You the day for work have -
 run life's way, May we still, what - e'er be -
 when we die, May we in your might - y
 ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it, free - ly

giv - en, For rest the night. May your
 fall us, Your will o - bey. From the
 keep - ing All peace - ful lie. When the
 giv - en— Blest Three in One, Grant us

an - gel host de - fend us, Slum - ber sweet
 pow'r of e - vil hide us; In the nar -
 last dread call shall wake us, Then, O Lord,
 grace, we now im - plore you, Till we lay

your mer - cy send us, Ho - ly dreams and
 row path - way guide us; Nev - er be your
 do not for - sake us, But to reign in
 our crowns be - fore you And in wor - thier

hopes at - tend us All through the night.
 smile de - nied us, All through the day.
 glo - ry take us With you on high.
 strains a - dore you While a - ges run.

Text: composite, 19th century, alt.

Tune: AR HYD Y NOS (84 84 888 4) Welsh melody, 18th century.

ORSHIP THEME:

This Lent, we will use the metaphor of eyesight to examine how the various people in Mark's Gospel viewed Jesus during His Passion. In most cases, they misunderstood who He was and what He was doing; then again, sometimes by faith people did recognize Him correctly.

We have these forty days of Lent in which we may look within ourselves as people of faith in our day. How are we like or unlike the people who saw Jesus in the flesh? Most important, as we gather for worship, we will see what Jesus has done to save us from our sins by His holy, precious blood and innocent sufferings and death.

Tonight, we take a look at the chief priests and scribes, who saw Jesus as an obstacle to be rid of by violence. Yet, during the Passover festival, they would unwittingly bring about the sacrifice of the ultimate Passover Lamb. How, then, should we view those who oppose the Gospel in our day? And how might these insights guide our prayers?

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Mark 14:1-2, 53-65

Lent 5

Worldly Eyes

Mark 15:1-20

Holy Thursday

More Than Meets the Eye

Mark 14:22-25

Good Friday

God's Eyes

Mark 15:21-39

Easter Vigil

Resting Eyes

Mark 15:40-16:1

Easter

Angel Eyes

Mark 16:1-8



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(1 Corinthians 12:27)*

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