

Readings

P The Old Testament reading is from Isaiah, the fifty-third chapter.

⁷ 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.

⁸ 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?

⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,
although^[a] he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth. (*Isaiah 53:7-9*)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Epistle reading is from Romans, the eighth chapter.

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be^[a] against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.^[b] (*Romans 8:31-34*)

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P The Holy Gospel is from St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter
¹Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate. ²And they began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king.” ³And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And he answered him, “You have said so.” ⁴Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no guilt in this man.” ⁵But they were urgent, saying, “He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place.” ⁶When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷And when he learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. ⁹So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. ¹²And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other. (*Luke 23:1-12*)

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Wednesday, March 18th, 2026
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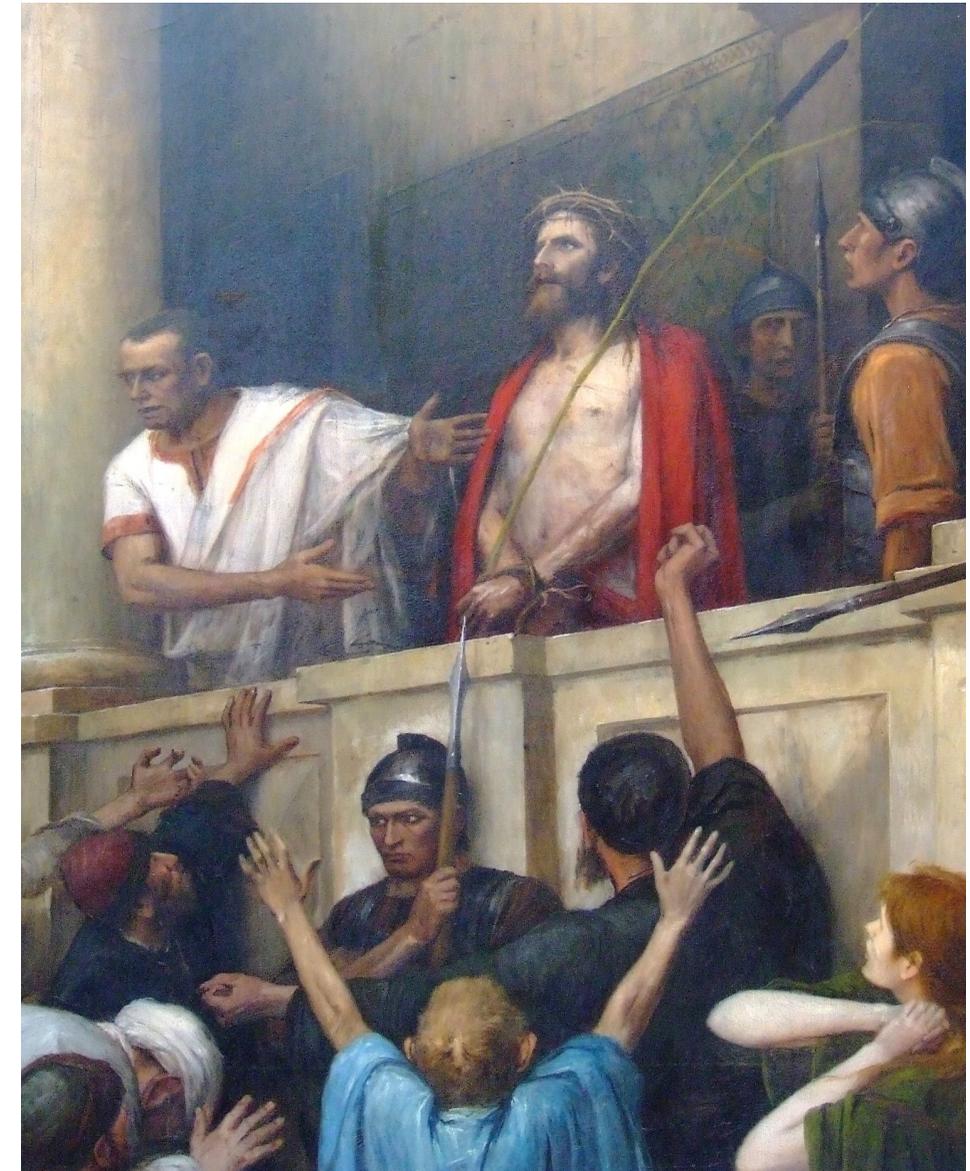
Postlude

Devotion

Betraying their sworn loyalty to Jesus, our Lord's disciples abandoned Him, fearing death. So soon after promising his beloved Teacher that he would sooner die than deny Him, Peter thrice said that he did not know Him. In contrast, Mary, the Mother of God, stayed at the side of her Son through His death. Fearing not what the Roman guards or the riotous crowds would do to the mother of the Man they were slaying, the Blessed Virgin anchored herself at the foot of the cross to which was nailed the body of her Son, her God, her Savior. Would that all were kept thusly in unflinching faith in the atoning sacrifice of Christ, but for those who have left the faith like the Fleeing Apostles, we wait alongside the loving Father looking for the prodigal to be brought to faith and repentance by the Holy Spirit through the Word.

Prayer

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever



Mid-week Services of Word and Prayer:

Feb. 25th @ 6:30 pm - "Our Burden for His Sustaining Power" led by Pastor Astrowski
Mar. 4th @ 6:30 pm - "Our Weaknesses for His Strength" led by Pastor Wright
Mar. 11th @ 6:30 pm - "Our Mockery for His Majesty" led by Pastor Sommerer
Mar. 18th @ 6:30 pm - "Our Shame for His Honor" led by Pastor David Anderson
Mar. 25th @ 6:30 pm - "Our Accusation for His Advocacy" led by Pastor Steven Anderson



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