

Preparation Hymn CP 179 vv. 1-5,6f

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

Tune: Thomas



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Hymn during Communion CP 634

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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Source: Taizé Community

Sending Hymn CP 503 *Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might*

Tune: Pentecost

Postlude *Fugue*

Willhelm Friedemann Bach (1710-1784)

Leave her alone...

At its heart, this account belongs to the many Gospel stories in which women following Jesus prove to be more discerning and devout than the male disciples — and in this story, both the contrast and the dramatic irony are particularly stark. Mary *perceptively* and *kindly* anoints Jesus for burial, and Judas, the one whose betrayal will lead to Jesus' death in the first place, *ignorantly* and *unkindly* attempts to put her to shame. Accordingly, Jesus exalts Mary as an exemplar. She acts with more insight and open-handed grace than anyone else in the story. She understands the stakes. She sees Jesus is on the verge of a great trial and a horrific, degrading death — and so she honors him ahead of time, offering him solace and encouragement with almost unbearable tenderness.

And at the same time, Jesus puts Judas in his place by exposing his hypocrisy. Having an “open hand to the poor” should be a continual stance, Jesus contends, echoing Moses, not an occasional cudgel for judging others, much less a cover for tight-fisted greed. Yes, being generous to neighbors and moving toward a society in which there is “no one in need” should be our overarching goals — but along the way, there are milestones when special acts of generosity, moments of extravagance-in-love, are beautiful and fitting. Burying the dead is one of those moments, and Jesus, Mary perceives, is on the precipice of death. This is no ordinary dinner gathering. This is farewell.

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Prelude: *Meditation*

Modest Mussorgski (1839-1881)

Welcome and Territorial Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn: CP 451 *King of Love, O Christ, We Crown You*

Tune: Hermon

Children's Message



Collect

**Extravagant God,
lavishing your love on our poverty of heart:
inspire us to give with generosity,
to love life so that we may find it again,
and thus the world will be filled
with the fragrance of your love;
through Jesus Christ, who offers himself for us.
Amen.**

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009), alt.

The Proclamation of the Word

Reader: Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

All: Our hearts and minds are open.

Reader A reading from Isaiah (43:16-21)

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and
 horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot
 rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
 Do not remember the former things, or consider the
 things of old. I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
 I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the
 desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals
 and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,
 the people whom I formed for myself so that they might
 declare my praise.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126



When the Lord restored the for-tunes of Zion,*
then were we like / those who dream.

Then was our mouth / filled with laughter,*
and our tongue with / shouts of joy.

Then they said a-/mong the nations,*
“The Lord has done great / things for them.”

The Lord has done great / things for us,*
and we are / glad indeed.

Restore our for-/tunes, O Lord,*
like the watercourses/ of the Negev.

Those who / sowed with tears*
will reap with / songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, carry-/ing the seed,*
will come again with joy, shoulder-/ing their sheaves.

The Second Reading

Reader A reading from the letter to the Philippians
 (3:4b-14)

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I
 have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of
 the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew
 born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a
 persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the
 law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have
 come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that,
 I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing
 value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I

have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as
 rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in
 him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes
 from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ,
 the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to
 know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the
 sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his
 death, if somehow, I may attain the resurrection from the
 dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have
 already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my
 own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.
 Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own;
 but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and
 straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards
 the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in
 Christ Jesus.

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Gradual Hymn CP 177 *A Spendthrift Lover Is the
 Lord* Tune: Beach Haven

The Gospel

All stand, as able, for the Gospel.

Deacon The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus
 Christ according to John (12:1-8)

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the
 home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the
 dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served,
 and Lazarus was one of those at the table with
 him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure
 nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair.
 The house was filled with the fragrance of the
 perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one
 who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this
 perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the
 money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he
 cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept
 the common purse and used to steal what was put into
 it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she
 might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have
 the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,
 The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**