



## Words for the Way

An online Lent Course for the Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney

### Testify

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### John 3:31-36

The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks about earthly things. The one who comes from heaven is above all. He testifies to what he has seen and heard, yet no one accepts his testimony. Whoever has accepted his testimony has certified this, that God is true. He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. The Father loves the Son and has placed all things in his hands. Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever disobeys the Son will not see life, but must endure God's wrath.

To testify is to bear witness, to say what you believe. We often think of this word in the context of a court, but testimony in our Gospel reading today and as sometimes heard in churches is about giving an account of your belief in God, of what God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit is doing in your life at this time or has done in the past. Why do you believe what you do?

**testify** by Eve L Ewing

i stand before you to say  
that today i walked home  
& caught the light through  
the fence & it was so golden  
i wanted to cry & i lifted  
my right hand to say thank  
you god for the sun thank  
you god for a chain link fence  
& all the shoes that fit into  
the chain link fence so that  
we might get lifted god thank  
you & i just wanted to dance  
& it feels good to have food  
in your belly & it feels good  
to be home even when home  
is the space between metal  
shapes & still we are golden  
& a man who wore the walk  
of hard grounds & lost days  
came toward me in the street  
& said 'girl what a beautiful  
day' & i said yes, *testify*  
& i walked on & from some  
place a horn rose, an organ,  
a voice, a chorus, here to tell  
you that we are not dead  
we are not dead we are not  
dead we are not dead we are  
not dead we are not dead  
we are not dead we are not  
dead

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To listen

*This I Believe (The Creed)* by Matt Crocker & Hillsong Worship

*Credo (Apostle's Creed) from the Eucharist of Beulah and Pearl* by Greg Kay

*III. Credo, Mass in C Major, K 317 "Coronation"* by W.A. Mozart, one version is by The English Concert Choir

These can be found on a playlist at

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/72omFXFijUHKiHcvk9OYv4?si=0b356c51045b422b>



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