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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Exodus 12: 1-4, 11-14

The First Reading is from the 12th chapter of Exodus.

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of

months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it

¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 116: 1, 10-17 (Please read responsively)

¹You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be fulfilled.

²**To you, the one who answers prayer, to you all flesh shall come.**

³Our sins are stronger than we are, but you blot out our transgressions.

⁴**Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!**

They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

⁵Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

⁶**You make firm the mountains by your power; you are girded about with might.**

⁷You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

⁸**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn
and the dusk to sing for joy.**

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.
You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

¹⁰**You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless
its increase.**

¹¹You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

¹²**May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.**

¹³May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

The Second Reading is from the 11th chapter of 1 Corinthians.

²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." ¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

^{31b}"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

MUSICAL REFLECTION

PRAYERS

Response to: "Lord in your mercy" **Hear our prayer.**

HOLY COMMUNION

We celebrate the presence of God in bread and wine. All are welcome to receive this gift.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The altar is stripped to prepare for the Good Friday service, when we remember the emptiness and darkness that is experienced when Jesus goes to the cross. While the altar is being stripped, Psalm 22 will be read.

Psalm 22 (read by Pastor)

- ¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?
- ²My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer; by night, but I find no rest.
- ³Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- ⁴Our ancestors put their trust in you, they trusted, and you rescued them.
- ⁵They cried out to you and were delivered; they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- ⁶But as for me, I am a worm and not human, scorned by all and despised by the people.
- ⁷All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips; they shake their heads.
- ⁸"Trust in the LORD; let the LORD deliver; let God rescue him if God so delights in him."
- ⁹Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb, and kept me safe on my mother's breast.
- ¹⁰I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
- ¹¹Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is no one to help.
- ¹²Many young bulls encircle me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- ¹³They open wide their jaws at me, like a slashing and roaring lion.
- ¹⁴I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- ¹⁵My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; and you have laid me in the dust of death.
- ¹⁶Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers circles round me; they pierce my hands and my feet.
- ¹⁷I can count all my bones while they stare at me and gloat.
- ¹⁸They divide my garments among them; for my clothing, they cast lots.
- ¹⁹But you, O LORD, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid.
- ²⁰Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.
- ²¹Save me from the lion's mouth! From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.
- ²²I will declare your name to my people; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.
- ²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off-spring of Israel.
- ²⁴For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.
- ²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.
- ²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise!
May your hearts live forever!
- ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.
- ²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.
- ²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.
- ³⁰Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.
- ³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

All depart in silence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Worship. Please remember **masks are required and we will be observing social distancing.** **Worship seating is available in the sanctuary and the basement**, with 2 larger family spaces for our families with young children in the upstairs Sunday School room.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP – in the Sanctuary

(Drive-In Worship from the church parking lot is available for all Services - FM 87.9)

Friday, April 2 – **Good Friday** Worship – 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 4 – **EASTER** – Sunrise Service with Communion – 6:45 am
Worship with Communion – 10:30 am

Unfortunately, due to COVID, there will not be an Easter Breakfast this year.