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## PRELUDE

## RINGING OF THE BELL

### Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 (Pastor chants psalm)

1 I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication, 2 for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called. 12How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me? 13I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD. 14I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people. 15Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants. 16O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds. 17I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD. 18I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people, 19in the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

### GATHERING SONG: When Peace Like A River (It is Well with My Soul) ELW #785

1) When peace like a river at - tend - eth my way . . when sor - rows like sea billows roll,  
What - ev - er my lot . . thou hast taught me to say . . . it is well . . it is well . . with my soul.

**REFRAIN: It is well . . . with my soul . . . it is well . . it is well . . with . . my soul.**

2) Though Sa - tan should buffet, though trials should come . . .

Let this . . blest assurance control . . . that Christ . . hath regarded my helpless estate .

And hath shed . . his own blood . . for my soul. **REFRAIN**

3) He lives, oh, the bliss, of this glorious thought . . . my sin, not in part, but the whole . . .

Is nailed, to his cross, and I bear, it no more . . praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O, my soul!

**REFRAIN**

4) Lord, hasten the day, when our faith . . shall be sight . . the clouds be rolled back . as a scroll.  
The trumpet shall sound . . and the Lord . . shall descend . . even so, it is well . . with . . my soul.

**REFRAIN**

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## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism. 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.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: 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.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you. **C: and also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Let Us Pray*, 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. **C: Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1-14**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell 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. <sup>4</sup>If 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. [<sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup>You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. <sup>7</sup>They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. <sup>10</sup>You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ] <sup>11</sup>This 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. <sup>12</sup>For 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. <sup>13</sup>The 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.

<sup>14</sup>This 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.**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

<sup>23</sup>For 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, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup>In 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." <sup>26</sup>For 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**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now 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. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>Then 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. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>Jesus 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." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>After 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?" <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I

am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

<sup>31b</sup>"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little 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.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

## THE SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY: In The Garden

1. I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses;  
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.

**CHORUS: And He walks with me, and He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own;  
And the joy we share as we tarry there  
None other has ever known.**

2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice  
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;  
And the melody that He gave to me  
Within my heart is ringing. **CHORUS**

3. I'd stay in the garden with Him  
Tho the night around me be falling;  
But He bids me go~~  
Thru the voice of woe, His voice to me is calling. **CHORUS**

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**THE CREED** P: Let us confess our faith in Triune God.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

## THE PRAYERS

Trusting in Jesus who gave his life for the world, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

God who kneels to wash our feet, gather your church around the world during this holy week. Humble the powerful and lift up any who are marginalized. Renew our faith and make us bold in service and love to our neighbors. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God who blesses the grain of the soil and the fruit of the vine, inspire in us a reverent care for the earth. Sustain fields, gardens, and wild places, that all people are fed and every living thing flourishes. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God whose greatest commandment is love, guide all who govern by the principle of love. Transform unjust human systems that oppress some for the gain of others. Restore communities as places of justice and concern for those who are vulnerable. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God who was betrayed, comfort people everywhere who have suffered abuse at the hands of someone they knew and trusted. Heal the bodies, minds, and hearts of victims of exploitation. Help all in pain to know that you are near, *especially*.....

And those we name now out loud, in our hearts, or in the comment section at this time.

(pause for names to be added)

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God who sits at the table with us, grant the joy of your presence to people celebrating first communion today, and to all who share the meal. Strengthen communities of faith in grace and courage. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God who brings new life out of death, we pray with thanks for the lives of those who have joined the communion of saints. In our holy meal, connect us to the faithful who have gone before us, and nourish us as your people living today. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, loving God, for the sake of the One who loved us to the end, Jesus Christ, our redeemer. **Amen.**

**THE PEACE** P: The peace of the Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

**P:** I invite you, at this time, to make a gesture of peace to your siblings in Christ.



**THE THANK OFFERING** *For those who desire to make a financial offering you may drop them off at the offering station before or after service. For those who wish to make an online financial offering scan the QR code with your mobile device or go to: [secure.myvanco.com/YM5K/home](https://secure.myvanco.com/YM5K/home)*  
You may also choose to mail your offerings to the church: 5322 Palms Road, Casco, MI, 48064

### **THE OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Let us pray – Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. **C: Amen**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

P: Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

P: Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

P: Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

**C: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.**

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

**C: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.**

P: With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** P: Let us pray in the words our Savior taught us.

**C: 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**THE MEAL** P: All those who believe in the promise are invited to partake in God's amazing grace at this time.

**COMMUNION HYMN: Alas and Did My Savior Bleed + ELW #337**

1) A- las! and did, my Sav - ior bleed, and did, my sov - 'reign die ?  
Would-he, de - vote, that sa - cred head . . for sin - ners such, as I ?

2) Was it, for sins, that I, had done . . he groaned, up - on the tree ?  
A-maz - ing pit - y, grace, un-known . . and love, be - yond de-gree !

3) Well might, the sun, in dark - ness hide . . and shut, its glo - ries in . .  
When God, the might - y mak - er died . . for his, own crea - tures' sin.

4) Thus might, I hide, my blush - ing face . while his, dear cross, ap - pears.  
Dis-solve my heart, in thank - ful-ness, and melt, my eyes, to tears.

5) But tears, of grief, can - not re-pay, the debt, of love, I owe;  
Here, Lord, I give, my - self a-way . . 'tis all, that I, can do.

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Communion song: Let Us Break Bread Together ELW #471**

1) Let us break bread to-geth-er on our knees; let us break bread to-geth-er on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris-ing sun. O . . Lord, have mer-cy on me.

2) Let us drink wine to-geth-er on our knees; let us drink wine to-geth-er on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris-ing sun. O . . Lord, have mer-cy on me.

3) Let us praise God to-geth-er on our knees; let us praise God to-geth-er on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris-ing sun. O . . Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Words and Music: African American Spiritual Public Domain

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and give you peace.

**C: Amen**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **C: Amen**

**STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

The 22nd Psalm is read in unison as the altar is stripped  
in remembrance of when our Lord's life was stripped from him.

## **Psalm 22 (In Unison)**

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest. Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame. But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people. All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads; "Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver — let him rescue the one in whom he delights!"

Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast. On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God. Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help. Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me; they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death. For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me. My hands and feet have shriveled; I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me; they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots. But you, O LORD, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid! Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog! Save me from the mouth of the lion! From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me. I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him. From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever! All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations. To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him. Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the LORD, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

*(The Stripping of the Altar and chancel items, represents the stripping of Jesus at his trial and crucifixion.)*

**Please depart in silence.**

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## ***Holy Week Worship Services at St. Paul's***

***Good Friday Worship at 7:00 p.m. In person or online***

***Easter Sunday, Sunrise Worship with Holy Communion at 7:00 a.m.***

*(7 a.m. In person and online)*

***Easter Breakfast at 8-9 a.m. between services in the church basement***

***Easter Festival Worship with Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.***

*(9:30 a.m. In person only)*