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“THE LORD’S TABLE”

Maundy Thursday Service

April 1, 2021

7:00PM

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Please double-check that your cell phone and personal electronic devices are turned off during the worship service.

PRELUDE  *Pange lingua and Ubi caritas* by Mary Beth Bennett (b. 1954)

WELCOME/INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN

“When You Woke That Thursday Morning” **LSB-445** (vs 1-3)

When you work that Thursday morning, Savior, teacher, faithful friend, Thoughts of self and safety scorning, Knowing how the day would end; Lamb of God, foretold for ages, Now at last the hour had come When but One could pay sin’s wages: You assumed their dreadful sum.

Never so alone and lonely, Longing with tormented heart To be with Your dear ones only For a quiet hour apart: Sinless Lamb and fallen creature, One last paschal meal to eat, One last lesson as their teacher, Washing Your disciples’ feet.

What was there that You could give them That would never be outspent, What great gift that would outlive them, What last will and testament? “Show Me and the world you love Me, Know Me as the Lamb of God: Do this in remembrance of Me, Eat this body, drink this blood.”

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Please Be Seated

RESPONSIVE READING “Ubi Caritas”

L: WHERE charity and love are, God is there,

C: Christ’s love has gathered us into one.

L: Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.

C: Let us fear, and let us love the living God.

L: And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

L: WHERE charity and love are, God is there.

C: As we are gathered into one body,

L: Beware, lest we be divided in mind.

C: Let evil impulses stop, let controversy cease,

L: And may Christ our God be in our midst.

L: WHERE charity and love are, God is there.

C: And may we with the saints also,

L: See Thy face in glory, O Christ our God:

C: The joy that is immense and good,

L: Unto the ages through infinite ages. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

EXODUS 24:3-11

Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do.” And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.” And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT

1 CORINTHIANS 10:16-17

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

LSB-845 (vs 1-3, 6)

Where charity and love prevail There God is ever found; Brought here together by Christ’s love By love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear His charity we learn; Let us with heart and mind and soul Now love Him in return.

Forgive we now each other’s faults As we our faults confess, And let us love each other well In Christian holiness.

For love excludes no race or clan That names the Savior’s name; His family embraces all Whose Father is the same.

GOSPEL READING

P: The Holy Gospel according... John 13:1-17

C: Glory to You, O Lord

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, do you wash my feet?” Jesus answered him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.” Peter said to him, “You shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.” Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” Jesus said to him, “The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you.” For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, “Not all of you are clean.” When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to You, O Christ

SERMON HYMN

“Jesus, Greatest at the Table”

LSB-446 (vs 1-3)

Jesus, greatest at the table, The almighty Son of Man, Laid aside His outer clothing, Poured some water in a pan; As the Twelve lay, hushed in silence, He the servant’s task began.

Marvel how their Lord and teacher Gently taught them not to vie As He humbly knelt before them, Dusty feet to wash and dry, By His tender touch expressing True compassion from on high.

Jesus took the role of servant When upon that gruesome span, For all human sin He suffered As a vile and loathsome man; On the cross poured out like water To fulfill the Father’s plan.

THE HOMILY

“THE LORD’S TABLE”

Please Stand

NICENE CREED

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Please Be Seated

TITHES AND OFFERING *(Please leave in offering plate at the end of service)*

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

P: In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your Holy Cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

LSB-543

Dave and Dawn Lindsey

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this That caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, When I was sinking down, sinking down, When I was sinking down Beneath God’s righteous frown, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

BENEDICAMUS

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

CLOSING HYMN

“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”

LSB-435 (vs 1,2,4)

Come to Calv’ry’s holy mountain, Sinners, ruined by the fall; Here a pure and healing fountain Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, perpetual tide, Opened when our Savior died.

Come in poverty and meanness, Come defiled, without, within; From infection and uncleanness, From the leprosy of sin, Wash your robes and make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.

They that drink shall live forever; ‘Tis a soul renewing flood. God is faithful; God will never Break His covenant of blood, Signed when our Redeemer died, Sealed when He was glorified.

POSTLUDE  *Ubi caritas* by Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

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Good Friday Service tomorrow at 7:00pm

Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30am

Easter Service at 9:00am

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