



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pre-Service Music

Welcome

Invitation to Worship

P: O Lord;

C: Have mercy on us.

P: O Christ;

C: Have mercy on us.

P: O Lord;

C: Have mercy on us.

P: O Lord, be merciful to us;

C: Do not repay us according to our iniquities.

P: Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name;

C: Deliver us and wash away our sins for your name's sake.

P: O Lord, do not deal with us according to our sins;

C: Neither reward us according to our iniquities.

P: The Lord will give strength to his people;

C: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

P: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

C: A broken and a contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

P: O Lord;

C: Have mercy on us.

P: O Christ;

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P: O Lord,

C: Have mercy on us, and give us your peace.

P: Let us pray: O blessed Lord—Father, Son and Spirit—we come at your gracious invitation. Help us receive the blessing you have prepared for us. Give us comfort and strength by your Word of Truth. Bless us with your gift of cleansing and peace through the reception of our Savior's body and blood. Increase our desire to serve you through a growing faith, that we may live every day to the glory of your precious name. Keep us safe from all harm

and danger. Keep us strong to resist Satan and his temptations.
Keep us devoted to you alone. In your blessed we name we pray.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn

“The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord”

Christian Worship 135 st. 1-5

The death of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
We celebrate with one accord;
It is our comfort in distress,
Our heart’s sweet joy and happiness.

He blotted out with his own blood
The judgment that against us stood;
He full atonement for us made,
And all our debt he fully paid.

That this forever true shall be
He gives a solemn guarantee;
In this his holy supper here
We taste his love, so sweet, so near.

His Word proclaims and we believe
That in this supper we receive
His very body, as he said,
His very blood for sinners shed.

A precious food is this indeed —
It never fails us in our need —
A heav’nly manna for our soul
Until we safely reach our goal.

Lessons from God’s Word

Old Testament

Exodus 24:1–11

¹Then the LORD said to Moses, “Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, along with Nadab and Abihu and seventy of the elders

of Israel, and worship me from a distance. ²Only Moses is allowed to come near the LORD, but the others are not to come near, and the people are not to go up with him.”

³Moses came and reported to the people all the words of the LORD and all the ordinances. Then all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words which the LORD has spoken we will do.” ⁴Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD.

He got up early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain. He set up twelve memorial stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵He sent young Israelite men, who offered whole burnt offerings and sacrificed fellowship offerings of cattle to the LORD. ⁶Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and he splashed half of the blood on the altar. ⁷He took the Book of the Covenant and read it out loud to the people and they said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do. We will obey.”

⁸Moses took the blood and splashed it on the people. He said, “Look, here is the blood of the covenant, which the LORD made with you by means of all these words.”

⁹Then Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up. ¹⁰They saw the God of Israel. Under his feet they saw what looked like a pavement of sapphire as clear as the sky. ¹¹The LORD did not lay his hand on the dignitaries of the people of Israel. They gazed at God, and they ate and drank.

Response to the Lesson

P: Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a cloud of witness, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles;

C: And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

P: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith;

C: Who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

P: Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men;

C: So that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

God's Word to His Church

1 Corinthians 11:23-29

²³For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way, after the meal, he also took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new testament 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.

²⁷Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the Lord's body and blood. ²⁸Instead, let a person examine himself and after doing so, let him eat of the bread and drink from the cup. ²⁹For if anyone eats and drinks in an unworthy way because he does not recognize the Lord's body, he eats and drinks judgment on himself.

Response to the Lesson

P: Therefore, sisters and brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great high priest over the house of God;

C: Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

P: Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess;

C: For he who promises is faithful.

P: And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds;

C: Let us not give up meeting together, but let us encourage one another.

The Gospel of Our Savior

John 13:1-15, 34

¹Before the Passover Festival, Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved those who were his own in the world, he loved them to the end.

²By the time the supper took place, the Devil had already put the idea into the heart of Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.

³Jesus knew that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God. ⁴He got up from the supper and laid aside his outer garment. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

⁶He came to Simon Peter, who asked him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷Jesus answered him, "You do not understand what I am doing now, but later you will understand."

⁸Peter told him, "You will never, ever, wash my feet!"

Jesus replied, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with me."

⁹"Lord, not just my feet," Simon Peter replied, "but also my hands and my head!"

¹⁰Jesus told him, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet, but his body is completely clean. And you are clean, but not all of you." ¹¹Indeed, he knew who was going to betray him. That is why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²After Jesus had washed their feet and put on his outer garment, he reclined at the table again. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. ¹³"You call me Teacher and Lord. You are right, because I am. ¹⁴Now if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵Yes, I have given you an example so that you also would do just as I have done for you.

³⁴"A new commandment I give you: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, so also you are to love one another."

P: This is the Word of our God!

C: **Thanks be to you, O Lord!**

Hymn of the Day “’Twas On that Dark, that Doleful Night”
Christian Worship 136

‘Twas on that dark, that doleful night
When pow’rs of earth and hell arose
Against the Son, our God’s delight,
And friends betrayed him to his foes.

Before the mournful scene began,
He took the bread and blessed and broke.
What love through all his actions ran!
What wondrous words of grace he spoke!

“This is my body, slain for sin;
Receive and eat the living food.”
Then took the cup and blessed the wine:
“‘Tis the new cov’nant in my blood.”

“Do this,” he said, “till time shall end,
In mem’ry of your dying friend;
Meet at my table and record
The love of your departed Lord.”

Jesus, your feast we celebrate;
We show your death; we sing your name
Till you return and we shall eat
The marriage supper of the Lamb.

Sermon Lesson *John 17, selected verses*

¹After Jesus had spoken these things, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you.

⁹“I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, because they are yours. ¹⁵I am not asking you

take them out of the world, but that you protect them from the Evil One. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

²⁰“I am praying not only for them, but also for those who believe in me through their message. May they all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I am in you.

²⁴“Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am so that they may see my glory.

The Impassioned Prayers of the Passion _____

“Father, I pray!”

Glorify your only Son
Keep my disciples safe
Unite all in the true faith

The Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day he rose again in accordance
with the Scriptures;**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated
at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen!**

Handbells

**“As We Gather at Your Table”
*Arranged by Bill Ingram
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As we gather at Your table
As we listen to Your Word,
Help us know, O God, your presence
Let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
Till we claim it as our own.
Teach us through this holy banquet
How to make Love’s victory known.

The Sacrament of the Altar

**Prayers for the Day
*Special Prayers***

**Personal Confession and Preparation for Holy Communion
*(from questions in the front of the Hymnal, page 156)***

P: What does God tell me about myself in his Holy Word?

C: He says that I am a sinner and deserve only his punishment.

P: What should I do if I am not aware of my sins or am not troubled by them?

C: I should examine myself according to the Ten Commandments and ask how well I have carried out my responsibility as a husband or wife or single person, as a parent or child, an employer or employee, a teacher or student. Have I loved God with all my heart, gladly heard his Word, and patiently endured affliction? Have I been disobedient, proud or unforgiving? Have I been selfish, lazy, envious, or quarrelsome? Have I lied or deceived, taken something not mine, or given anyone a bad name? Have I abused my body or permitted indecent thoughts to linger in my mind? Have I failed to do what is right and good?

P: When I realize that I have sinned against God and deserve his punishment, what should I do?

C: I will confess before God all my sins, those which I remember as well as those of which I am unaware. I will pray to God for his mercy and forgiveness.

P: How do I receive his gracious forgiveness?

C: His Word assures me that Jesus led a pure and holy life for me, and died on the cross for me to pay the full price for all my sins. Through faith in Jesus, I have been clothed in my Savior's perfect righteousness and holiness.

P: What further assurance do I have that Jesus is mine and I am his?

C: In Holy Communion he gives me his body and blood together with the bread and wine as a truly life-giving food and drink to unite me with him and my fellow believers. By means of this sacrament, Jesus not only

forgives my sins, but sweeps away all my doubts about his love for me, gives me his own strength to live a God-pleasing life, and grants me a joyful foretaste of heaven.

P: How can I be sure that I receive all these blessings in the Lord's Supper?

C: I have his own word spoken as his last will and testament on the night before he died. There he tells me: "Take and eat; this is my body. Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

P: How will I respond to this priceless gift from Jesus?

C: I will daily thank and praise him for his love to me. With his help I will fight temptation, do my best to correct whatever wrongs I have done, and serve him and those around me with love and good works.

P: Lord Jesus, with joy and gratitude I now come to your table to receive the precious food of your life-giving body and blood. May it strengthen me to remain in you as you remain in me, so that I bear much fruit in devoted service to you and in acts of kindness to others.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Confession

"I Come, O Savior, to Your Table"

Christian Worship 310 st. 1-2

I come, O Savior, to your table,
For weak and weary is my soul;
O Jesus, you alone are able
To satisfy and make me whole.
Lord, may your body and your blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

O grant that I in manner worthy
May now trust solely in your Word,

And, conscious of the sins before me,
Look only unto you, O Lord.
Lord, may your body and your blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

The Words of Institution:

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Hymn of Preparation

“I Come, O Savior, to Your Table”
Christian Worship 310 st. 6 & 12

Weary am I and heavy laden;
With sin my soul is sore oppressed.
Receive me graciously and gladden
My heart, for I am now your guest.
Lord, may your body and your blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

With you, Lord, I am now united;
I live in you and you in me.
No sorrow fills my soul; delighted,
It finds its peace on Calvary.
Lord, may your body and your blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

(The congregation may be seated)

The Distribution

The Lord's Supper is a Sacrament through which Christ our Savior strengthens our faith and forgives our sins. In it we receive His actual body and blood, as we receive the bread and the wine. If you have not communed with us before or if you are not familiar with our procedure, please do not come to the Lord's Table today. We also encourage you to speak with our pastor following the service. He will be happy to share with you the necessary preparations to receive our Savior's body and blood in a future service.

Our request comes out of love for you and concern for your spiritual well-being, so that you can receive the blessing our Lord wants you to receive.

Song of Thanksgiving

“I Come, O Savior, to Your Table”
Christian Worship 310 st. 13 & 15

Who can condemn me now? For surely
The Lord is near, who justifies.
No hell I fear, and thus securely
With Jesus I to heaven rise.
Lord, may your body and your blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

My heart has now become your dwelling,
O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, your praises telling,
Shall live in joy eternally.
Lord, may your body and your blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Merciful Redeemer, you have fulfilled your promise to me. At your table I have received nourishment for my soul and rest for my weariness. By giving me your body and your blood you have again said to me, “Fear not, I have called you by name, you

are mine.” You have washed away my sins. You have adorned me in the robe of your righteousness. You have poured your love into my life. Through this Sacrament give me the power to overcome unbelief and doubt, conquer temptations and evil desires, and produce the works of loving, humble service. As I depart your table, may I live in the peace and joy you have provided for me through your gift of grace.

C: Amen!

Closing Psalm

P: I will extol the LORD with all my heart.
Great are the works of the LORD;
they are pondered by all who delight in them.
Glorious and majestic are his deeds,
and his righteousness endures forever.
He has caused his wonders to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and compassionate.
The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.
They are steadfast forever and ever,
done in faithfulness and uprightness.
He provided redemption for his people;
he ordained his covenant forever --
holy and awesome is his name.

Closing Prayer

P: O gracious Lord and Savior, we bow in deep humility before you. You have recognized our most desperate need, and you have prayed for us. Let this knowledge bring us comfort and peace throughout this life. Make it our confidence as we struggle with temptation and distraction. Make it our strength as we live devoted to your will and committed to your praise. Let nothing bring us greater joy than knowing we are united with you, your Father, and every believer through faith. Keep us in that one true faith until we receive the blessing of life in heaven with you, your

Father, and the Spirit—for all eternity.

The Lord's Prayer:

**C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours now and forever. Amen!**

Blessing

P: The Lord will give strength to his people;

C: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

P: The Lord be with you;

C: And also with you!

P: Bless we the Lord;

C: Thanks be to God!

The Benediction

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ;

The love of God the Father; and

The fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you always!



C: A - men. A - . men. A - men.

Closing Hymn

“God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven”

Christian Worship 590

God, who made the earth and heaven,
darkness and light,
You the day for work have given,
for rest the night.
May your angel host defend us,
slumber sweet your mercy send us,
Holy dreams and hopes attend us all through the night.

And, when morn again shall call us
to run life's way,
May we still, whate'er befall us,
your will obey.
From the pow'r of evil hide us;
in the narrow pathway guide us;
Never be your smile denied us, all through the day.

Guard us waking, guard us sleeping
and, when we die,
May we in your mighty keeping
all peaceful lie.
When the last dread call shall wake us,
then, O Lord, do not forsake us,
But to reign in glory take us with you on high.

Holy Father, throned in heaven,
all holy Son,
Holy Spirit, freely given —
blest Three in One,
Grant us grace, we now implore you,
till we lay our crowns before you
And in worthier strains adore you while ages run.

Silent Prayer

Announcements

This Evening—In our Savior's name, *WELCOME!* May the blessing and peace of our Savior be with you always. Then, may

your faith in him, strengthened by Word and Sacrament, comfort and encourage you in everything.

Friday—Holy Week worship continues with Good Friday worship at 7:00 pm. In this service we will focus on Jesus' last impassioned prayer before he died, "Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit!"

Sunday, April 9th is Easter Sunday. In Person Worship and Live-streaming at 9:30 am. Easter Sunday is more than the culmination of our Lenten worship, it is the completion of the work Jesus did to secure our rescue. The devil is defeated. Death has been overpowered. The grave holds no terror. All this is ours' because Jesus lives!

- Following the service there will be a brunch.—all are invited!

Thank You

To Al Todd for serving as our pianist and operating Hymnosft; to Jim Everson and Josh Schueler for controlling the audio and video for the live-stream: to Margaret and Jim Brown for placing flowers on the altar—to the glory of God and on the occasion of her birthday, also in memory of her cousin, Gail.

Easter Plans Preparations

Every Easter we enjoy a brunch following the worship service. This year will be no different. Please check the table in the back of the church for what you can bring, and how you can help.

In addition, there is a sheet for the Memory Garden. These are flowers given to the glory of God for all those who died in the Lord and are now enjoying eternal life. Remember to sign your name, as well as the name of those you are remembering.





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