

The Order of Worship

Pre-Service Music and Welcome

Opening Hymn

"Come unto Me, Ye Weary" *Christian Worship 336 st. 1-3*

"Come unto me, ye weary, and I will give you rest."

O blessed voice of Jesus, which comes to hearts oppressed!

It tells of benediction, of pardon, grace, and peace,

Of joy that has no ending, of love that cannot cease.

"Come unto me, ye wand'rers, and I will give you light."
O loving voice of Jesus, which comes to cheer the night!
Our hearts are filled with sadness, and we had lost our way;
But thou hast brought us gladness and songs at break of day.

(the congregation will rise)

"Come unto me, ye fainting, and I will give you life."

O cheering voice of Jesus, which comes to aid our strife!

The foe is stern and eager; the fight is fierce and long;

But thou has made us mighty and stronger than the strong.

The Invocation:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 51

P: Be gracious to me, O God, according to your mercy. Erase my acts of rebellion according to the greatness of your compassion. Scrub me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin. For I admit my rebellious acts. My sin is always in front of me.

C: Against you, you only have I sinned, and I have done this

evil in your eyes. So you are justified when you sentence me. You are blameless when you judge.

P: Certainly, I was guilty when I was born. I was sinful when my mother conceived me. Since you desire truth on the inside, in my heart you teach me wisdom.

C: Remove my sin with hyssop, and I will be clean. Wash me and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness. Let the bones you have crushed celebrate. Hide your face from my sins. Erase all my guilty deeds.

The Proclamation of our Forgiveness

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of the Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

The Blessing that Comes from Forgiveness

P: Create in me a pure heart, O God. Renew an unwavering spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence. Do not take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation. Sustain me with a willing spirit. I will teach rebels your ways, and sinners will turn to you.

C: Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, the God who saves me. My tongue will shout for joy about your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. The sacrifices God wants are a broken spirit. A broken and a crushed heart, O God, you will not despise.

Response

"Come unto Me, Ye Weary" Christian Worship 336 st. 4

[&]quot;And whosoever cometh, I will not cast him out."

O patient love of Jesus, which drives away our doubt, Which, though we are unworthy of love so great and free, Invites us very sinners to come, dear Lord, to thee!

P: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through faith in Christ Jesus our Savior.

C: Amen!

The Lessons from God's Word

Old Testament

Exodus 12:21-30

²¹Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go and take lambs for yourselves according to your family size, and slaughter the Passover lamb. ²²You shall take a bundle of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and paint the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. None of you are to go out of the door of your house until morning. ²³When the LORD passes through to strike Egypt and sees the blood on the lintel and the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over that door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you.

²⁴"You shall observe these instructions as a perpetual regulation for you and your descendants. ²⁵When you enter the land that the LORD will give you just as he said he would, you shall observe this ceremony. ²⁶So when your children ask you, 'What does this ceremony mean to you?' ²⁷you will say, 'It is the sacrifice of the Passover to the LORD, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt. When he struck the Egyptians, he spared our houses.'"

The people bowed down and worshipped. ²⁸The Israelites went and did all this. They did just as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron.

²⁹At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on his throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner who was in the dungeon,

even all the firstborn of the livestock. ³⁰During the night Pharaoh got up—he, all his servants, and all the Egyptians—and there was a loud outcry in Egypt, for there was not a house where there was not someone dead.

Response to the Lesson

Psalm 116

P: I love the LORD, because he hears my voice. He hears my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call to him all my days.

C: The LORD is gracious and righteous, our God is compassionate. The LORD protects those with a child-like faith. In my weakness he saves me too.

P: How can I repay the LORD for all his benefits to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation, and I will call on the name of the LORD. I will fulfill my vows to the LORD, now in the presence of his people.

C: Ah, LORD, truly I am your servant. To you I will sacrifice a thank offering, and I will call on the name of the LORD. I will fulfill my vows to the LORD here in the presence of all his people.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

¹⁶The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a communion of the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a communion of the body of Christ? ¹⁷Because there is one bread, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Handbells

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Gospel

Mark 14:12-16

¹²On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when

the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" ¹³He sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and there a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. ¹⁴Wherever he enters, tell the owner of the house that the Teacher says, 'Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹⁵He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

¹⁶His disciples left and went into the city and found things just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷When it was evening, he arrived with the Twelve.

¹⁸While they were reclining and eating, Jesus said, "Amen I tell you: One of you will betray me, one who is eating with me."

¹⁹They began to be sorrowful and said to him one by one, "Surely not I?"

²⁰He said to them, "It is one of the Twelve, one who is dipping bread with me in the dish. ²¹Indeed, the Son of Man is going to go just as it has been written about him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born."

²²While they were eating, Jesus took bread. When he had blessed it, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "Take it. This is my body."

²³Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them. They all drank from it. ²⁴He said to them, "This is my blood of the new testament, which is poured out for many. ²⁵Amen I tell you: I will certainly not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." ²⁶After they sang a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

P: In the past, God spoke to our forefathers by the prophets at many times and in many ways. In these last days, he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact imprint of the divine nature. After he had provided purification for sins, he took his seat at the right of the Majesty on high.

Alas! And did my Savior bleed, And did my Sov'reign die? Would he devote that sacred head For sinners such as I?

Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree? Amazing pity, grace unknown, And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide And shut its glories in When God, the mighty Maker, died For his own creatures' sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face While his dear cross appears, Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, And melt my eyes to tears.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give myself away — 'Tis all that I can do.

"The Misery of Mankind; The Mercy of Jesus"

Deliverance Comes through the Blood of a Lamb

Exodus 12:12-14

¹²For on that night I will pass through the land of Egypt. I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both people and animals. Against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment. I am the LORD. ¹³The blood will be a sign for you on the houses

where you are. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. There will be no plague among you to destroy you when I strike down the land of Egypt.

¹⁴This day shall be a memorial day for you, and you are to celebrate it as a festival of the LORD. Throughout your generations you must celebrate it as a permanent regulation.

Deliverance Comes from the Lamb of God

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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.

"A Greater Promise of Deliverance"

The Sacrament of the Altar

Confession of Faith and Preparation

- P: What is the Sacrament of Holy Communion?
- C: It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ for us Christians to eat and to drink.
- P: What blessings do we receive through this eating and drinking?
- C: That is shown us by these words: "Given" and "poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins." Through these words we receive the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation in this sacrament. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

- P: How can eating and drinking do such great things?
- C: It is certainly not the eating and drinking that does such things, but the words "given" and "poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words are the main thing in this sacrament, along with the eating and drinking. And whoever believes these words has what they plainly say, the forgiveness of sins.
- P: Who, then, is properly prepared to receive this sacrament?
- C: Fasting and other outward preparations may serve a good purpose, but one is properly prepared who believes these words: "Given" and "poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins." But whoever does not believe these words or doubts them is not prepared, because the words "for you" require nothing but hearts that believe.

Hymn of Preparation "The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord" *Christian Worship 135 st. 1, 4 & 9*

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.

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

Help us sincerely to believe That we may worthily receive Your supper and in you find rest. Amen! They who believe are blest.

Prayer for Communicants

The Sacrament

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al—so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



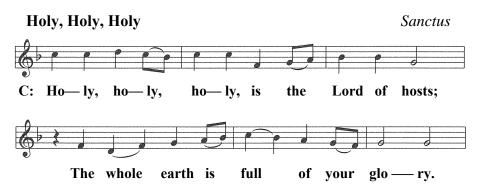
C: We lift them up to the Lord.

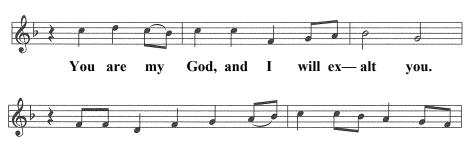
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Give praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He has established a new and better covenant through Jesus' body and blood given into death on the cross. Now have come the salvation, the power, the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks, honor and glory for ever and ever.





I will give you thanks, for you have be—come my sal-





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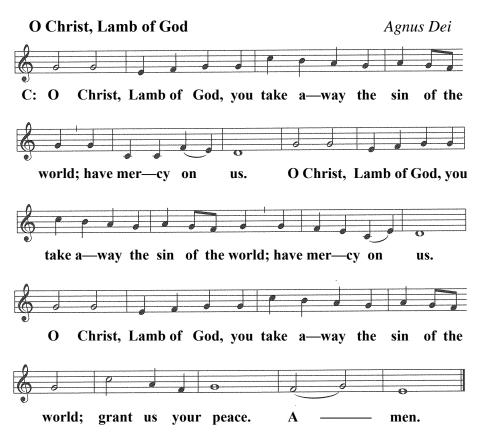
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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."

The Blessing of Peace;

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.





The Congregation may be seated for 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.

Thanksgiving and Prayer



(Congregation rises and sings)



Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re- news his prom- is- es and leads his peo- ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al—le—lu—ia! Al—le—lu — ia!

Closing Prayer

P: O gracious Lord and Savior, we thank you for the life-giving and saving gift you have given us. Through your body and your blood you have brought deliverance from sin and peace with God. Keep us ever in your gracious covenant. Remove every doubt and fear. Strengthen us that we overcome every temptation and sin. Guide us through this life until we arrive safely in your kingdom. There we will join you at your heavenly banquet, and there we will praise you—together with your Father and the Spirit—for your undeserved love and unyielding faithfulness through which we have eternal life; and through which we can pray—

The Lord's Prayer

(spoken with the pastor)

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!

The Benediction

Hebrews 13:20-21

P: Now may the God of peace—who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, in connection with his blood which established the eternal testament—may he equip you with every good thing to do his will, as he works in us what is pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ. To him be glory forever and ever.



Closing Hymn

"There is a Fountain Filled with Blood" Christian Worship 112

There is a fountain filled with blood — Immanuel was slain — And sinners who are washed therein Lose ev'ry guilt stain, lose ev'ry guilty stain.

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day;
And there have I, as vile as he,
Washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood

Shall never lose its pow'r
Till all the ransomed Church of God
Be saved and sin no more, be saved and sin no more.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream Your flowing wounds supply, Redeeming love has been my theme And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die.

When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue Lies silent in the grave, Then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing your pow'r to save, I'll sing your pow'r to save.

Silent Prayer

Announcements . . .

Today - Welcome in our Savior's Name! May the blessing of our faithful Savior, and the peace which comes from the new covenant in his shed blood, lead you to follow, worship, and praise him. If you are visiting us this evening, please sign our guest book, and visit again—soon!

Friday—Good Friday worship at 7:00 pm. The message of the cross is the central focus of our lives. The cross, intended to be a place of punishment, became the altar of sacrifice on which Jesus offered himself as the Lamb of God to proclaim the promise of forgiveness is complete and certain.

Saturday—Clean: J. Schueler

- Lawn mowing beginning March 31st—C. Schueler
- Please make sure you have your flowers to church by noon so the "memory garden" can be set up by 2:00 pm.

Sunday, March 31st—Easter Festival Worship at 9:30 am. Christ the Lord is Risen! It is a message of great joy, great hope, and great confidence. It is also a message we want to share with others. Take the time to invite your friends, neighbors, and family members to come and hear what Jesus' resurrection means for them. A brunch will follow the service.

• In preparation for this service there are sign up sheets for food

- cleanup, setup, as well as flowers. Serve the Lord in gladness!
- There will be no Bible Class this Sunday because of the brunch following the service.

Thank You . . .

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