

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING WORDS

Pastor: The Maundy Thursday service is one of endings and beginnings. What was begun on Ash Wednesday is brought to a close here today. And what begins today does not end until the resurrection on Easter. In this service for today, Jesus washes the disciples' feet in service to them on his way to Calvary. The theme is love, our Savior's love for us, in giving Himself in bread and wine, in dying upon the cross. In word and song, we contemplate how to live lives of service to others, guided by Christ and the cross.

CALL TO WORSHIP: ZIONKIDS CHOIR (6:30)

HYMN: LSB 451 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

 Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, See Him dying on the tree!
 'Tis the Christ, by man rejected; Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
 'Tis the long-expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord; Proofs I see sufficient of it:
 'Tis the true and faithful Word. 2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning, Was there ever grief like His?
Friends through fear His cause disowning, Foes insulting His distress;
Many hands were raised to wound Him, None would intervene to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that justice gave.

3 Ye who think of sin but lightly Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly, Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed, See who bears the awful load;
'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.

4 Here we have a firm foundation, Here the refuge of the lost:
Christ, the Rock of our salvation, Is the name of which we boast;
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded Who on Him their hope have built.

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INVOCATION and OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: On the night before he died, Jesus spoke to his disciples about many things—the betrayal and denial to come, the promised gift of the Holy Spirit and the peace that he alone can give: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

People: Jesus our Savior, grant us your peace.

Pastor: Jesus told his disciples that he was the true vine and that, abiding in him, they would bear fruit in works of love. He gave them a new commandment: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another."

People: Jesus our Savior, teach us to love one another as you love us.

Pastor: On that same night of his betrayal, the night he would be abandoned by his disciples, Jesus gave them a lesson in love and service. The Lord of all took up a towel and a basin of water and washed his disciples' feet. The next day he would lay down his life for them, for us, for all people. As Jesus had said of himself, "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

People: Jesus our Savior, set your cross before us to guide us in the way of service.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Friends in Christ, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this day let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor. Almighty God, merciful Father: Be merciful to me, O God, because of Your constant love.

People: Because of Your great mercy wipe away my sins!

Pastor: Wash away all my evil **People: and make me clean from my sin!**

Pastor: Let us pray together:

People: We confess to You, Almighty God, before the whole company of heaven, and to each other, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by our own fault. Have mercy on us, for Jesus' sake, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to eternal life. Amen.

Pastor: On Ash Wednesday, you began this season of repentance with confession, and you came forward to receive the ashes of repentance. Receive your absolution once again, the forgiveness which comes from Christ our Lord alone. In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by His authority, I therefore, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray together.

People: Lord and Savior, you are the Suffering Servant foretold by the prophet Isaiah. You did not come to be served, but to serve. You have commanded us to love one another. You did not only give the command, but followed it in your own life and in your redeeming death. You, the Master and Teacher, washed your disciples' feet. To wash us clean from sin, you suffered and died on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world. Lead us by the power of the Holy Spirit to follow your example in our lives. Teach us to serve others in love. Amen.

TIME IN THE WORD

The First Reading: Is 61:1-3

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zionto bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

The Second Reading: Romans 7:4-6

So, my brothers and sisters, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God. For when we were in the realm of the flesh, the sinful passions aroused by the law were at work in us, so that we bore fruit for death. But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Please rise out of respect for the words and ministry of Jesus Christ.

The Holy Gospel: John 13:3-5

Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (6:30 pm only)

SERMON HYMN: LSB 452 O Perfect Life of Love (verses 1, 4-5, 7)

- O perfect life of love! All, all, is finished now, All that He left His throne above To do for us below.
- And on His thorn-crowned head And on His sinless soul
 Our sins in all their guilt were laid That He might make us whole.

5 In perfect love He dies; For me He dies, for me.O all-atoning Sacrifice, I cling by faith to Thee.

7 Yet work, O Lord, in me As Thou for me hast wrought; And let my love the answer be To grace Thy love has brought.

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THE SERMON

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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 on 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.

OFFERING | TREASURE BOX

OFFERING HYMN: LSB 437 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

- Alas! And did my Savior bleed, And did my sov'reign die?
 Would He devote that sacred head For such a worm as I?
- 2 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 his 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 mine eyes to tears.

5 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.

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<u>RITE OF FIRST COMMUNION</u> (6:30 pm only)

Ellie Boettcher ~ Tyler Twiggs ~ Matt Dressler Sadie Heng ~ Warren Eilertson ~ Leah Wall Braxton Langle ~ Elsie Shoup ~ Alexa Miller Emerson Schager

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- Pastor: Jesus our Savior, you gave to your disciples and to us an example of service, taking up the work of a servant. As you, our Lord and Master, washed the feet of your disciples, teach us to follow your example and serve others in love. Jesus, Suffering Servant,
- People: Set your cross before us to guide us in the way of service.

Pastor: Jesus our Savior, lead us in the power of the Spirit to serve others. Guide us to opportunities for service in your name, so that others will see your love through our words and acts of kindness and compassion. Jesus, Suffering Servant,

People: Set your cross before us to guide us in the way of service.

Pastor: Jesus our Savior, there are many among us who need our loving service. We ask for your help and healing for those who are suffering distress and pain, illness and loss, especially *[mention known names of those who are sick, injured or grieving]* and those we name in our hearts. Help us to seek out ways to serve them with compassion and encourage them in hope. Jesus, Suffering Servant,

People: Set your cross before us to guide us in the way of service.

Pastor: Jesus our Savior, you did not come to be served but to serve, and to give your life as a ransom for many. On the cross, you suffered and died to save us, in the greatest act of love and service. Jesus, Suffering Servant,

People: Set your cross before us to guide us in the way of service.

Pastor: Jesus our Savior, on the night before your death on the cross, you gave us the gift of your Holy Supper. As we receive your body and blood in Holy Communion, we proclaim your death until you come again. Jesus, Suffering Servant,

People: Set your cross before us to guide us in the way of service.

Pastor: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **People: We lift them up unto the Lord**

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God **People: It is meet and right so to do.**

SANCTUS: (Tune: "Holy, Holy, Holy" LSB 507)

"Holy, holy, holy!" all the saints in glory
Fill Your temple with their song around
Your golden throne;
"Holy, holy, holy!" with them we adore You;
God in three Persons, all in Christ as one.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **People: Amen**.

AGNUS DEI (Tune: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" LSB 702)

Meek, slaughtered Lamb of God, You bore the sinners' load To buy our peace: Now risen and enthroned, With life and glory crowned To all the lost and found Please grant Your peace.

COMMUNION

<u>COMMUNION HYMN</u>: LSB 619 (verses 1-2, 5) Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

> Thy body, giv'n for me, O Savior, Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed, These are my life and strength forever, By them my hungry soul is fed.
> Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!

With Thee, Lord, I am now united;
I live in Thee and Thou in me.
No sorrow fills my soul, delighted
It finds its only joy in Thee.
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

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

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<u>COMMUNION HYMN</u>: LSB 709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

- The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul He leadeth And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.
- Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me And on His shoulder gently laid And home rejoicing brought me.
- In death's dark vale I fear no ill
 With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
 Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
 Thy cross before to guide me.
- Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 Thine unction grace bestoweth;
 And, oh, what transport of delight
 From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!

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DISMISSAL of the COMMUNICANTS

CLOSING PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray together:

People: 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. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: LSB 456 Were You There

- Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Oh . . . Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
- 2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?Oh . . . Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

- 3 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
 - Oh . . . Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

4 Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?

Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?

Oh . . .Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?

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STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

<u>Psalm 22 is read</u> ... As the Psalm is spoken, the chancel is stripped.

When the Psalm is completed, all depart in silence. There is no Benediction. The service continues with Good Friday Worship tomorrow at 10:00 am and 6:30 pm.

Remain and pray as long as you wish.