

† LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE †
March 23, 2022

SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER WITH HOLY COMMUNION
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PRELUDE

St. Crispin

Wayne Wold

INVOCATION and CONFESSION (*Congregation rising*)

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Behold, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation.

C Turn us again, O God of our salvation, that the light of Your face may shine on us.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

C Holy and gracious God, I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know — the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed — but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.

P By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the complete forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray:

C Eternal God, the hours of both day and night are Yours, and darkness is no threat to You. Be present in these night-time hours, especially with those who watch and work on behalf of others. Grant faithfulness in service and courage in danger, that we may meet the needs of those around us with confidence and compassion; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(The congregation may be seated)

HYMN

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness (v. 1-5)

LSB Hymn 563

PSALMODY (*from Psalm 31*)

P In You, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame;

C in Your righteousness deliver me.

P Into Your hand I commit my spirit;

C You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

P Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress;
C my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also.
P But I trust in You, O Lord; I say, "You are my God."
C My times are in Your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.
P Let Your face shine upon Your servant; save me in Your steadfast love.
C Blessed be the Lord, for He has wondrously shown His steadfast love to me when I was beset as a city under siege.
P I had said in my alarm, "I am driven far from Your sight."
C But You heard my supplications when I cried out to You for help.
P Love the Lord, all you His saints. The Lord preserves the faithful, but abundantly repays the one who acts haughtily.
C Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord.

FIRST READING

John 11:7-16

⁷Then after this [Jesus] said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." ¹¹After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

John 14:1-7

¹[Jesus said to his disciples,] "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus

LSB Hymn 685

DRAMATIC MONOLOGUE

"Thomas the Apostle"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *(Congregation rising)*

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For public servants, the government, and those who protect us; for those who work to bring peace, justice, and healing in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the health of creation, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for wise stewardship of God's good gifts, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who travel, for those who are in captivity, for those who are in danger, and for those who are sick and suffering, especially those we remember in the quiet of this moment...*(pause)*, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all servants of the church, for this community of faith, and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Giving thanks for those who have gone before us and are now at rest, and rejoicing in the communion of all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus

Nancy Raabe

OFFERTORY *(Congregation rising)*

(LSB Hymn 956)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;

and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

† HOLY COMMUNION †

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also 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 It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us, and grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee and pledge of His salvation. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has 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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION and SIGN OF PEACE

- 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." 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 covenant 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 Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
- C **Lord, have mercy upon us and grant us Your peace.**
- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C **And also with you.**

DISTRIBUTION

(Worshippers are invited to come forward to receive the pre-packaged Communion kit, then return to your seat to eat and drink. Children and those not partaking of communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing. If you need assistance, please alert the pastor or usher.)

NUNC DIMITTIS *(Congregation rising)*

- P Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.
- C **Lord, now let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.**

CLOSING PRAYER

P Almighty and everlasting God, since You govern and sanctify the whole Christian Church by Your Holy Spirit, hear our prayers for all Your people, and mercifully grant that by Your grace we may serve You in true faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

You are the Way

LSB **Hymn 526**

POSTLUDE

Dundee

Unkel/Eggart

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PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Celebrant: Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell, Senior Pastor

Lector: Deacon Joan Condon

Dramatic Monologue: George Heath

Organist: Deborah Reiss

Usher: Warren Wong

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MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

Wednesdays 7:30pm

March 30 – Martha

***April 6 – Lazarus**

**A non-communion service of prayer with special music by
The Chapel School Select Choir*

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday Weekend

April 9 - 5:30pm

April 10 - 9:00 & 10:45am

Maundy Thursday

Choral Evening Prayer and The Lord's Supper

April 14 - 7:30pm

Good Friday Tenebrae

April 15 - 12:00 & 7:30pm

Easter Services

April 16 - 5:30pm

April 17 - 9:00 & 10:45am