

**† LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE †**  
**March 30, 2022**

**SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

**PRELUDE**

Eventide

Benjamin Culli

**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** **O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in Your mercy, Lord, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*(The congregation may be seated)*

**HYMN**

Abide with Me (v. 1-2, 5-6)

LSB Hymn 878

**PSALMODY** (*from Psalm 33*)

**P** Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He chose for His inheritance.

**C** **From heaven the Lord looks down and sees all mankind;**

**P** from His dwelling place He watches all who live on earth—

**C** **He who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.**

P No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength.

**C A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save.**

P But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him, on those whose hope is in His unfailing love,

**C to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.**

P We wait in hope for the Lord; He is our help and our shield.

**C In Him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in His holy name.**

P May Your unfailing love be with us, Lord,

**C even as we put our hope in You.**

### **FIRST READING**

Luke 10:38-42

<sup>38</sup>Now as they went on their way, [Jesus] entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup>there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING**

John 11:17-27

<sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup>She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

LSB Hymn 524

### **DRAMATIC MONOLOGUE**

"Martha of Bethany"

**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**

I Am the Bread of Life

Edwin Childs

**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 Gracious Lord, we give You thanks for this day, especially for the good we were permitted to give and to receive. The day is now past and we commit it to You. We entrust to You the night and rest in Your peace, for You are our help, and You neither slumber nor sleep. Hear us for the sake of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, 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**                      Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old                      LSB **Hymn 846**

**POSTLUDE**    Kingsfold    Eugene Englert

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**PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE**

- Celebrant:                                      Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell, Senior Pastor
- Lector:    Janelle Sullivan
- Dramatic Monologue:                      Patrice Sullivan
- Organist:    Deborah Reiss
- Usher:    Warren Wong

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**MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP**  
**Wednesdays 7:30pm**

**April 6 - Lazarus**

*Please join us for the final evening of our Lenten series,  
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**