

♪SERVICE OF LIGHT

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A Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,
C the light no darkness can overcome.
A Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
C and the day is almost over.
A Let Your light scatter the darkness
C and illumine Your Church.

♪HYMN OF LIGHT

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A Joyous light of glory:
C of the immortal Father; heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ.
We have come to the setting of the sun,
and we look to the evening light.
We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
You are worthy of being praised with pure voices forever.
O Son of God, O Giver of life: the universe proclaims Your glory.

♪THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

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A Blessed are You, Lord our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

♪PSALMODY (from Psalm 141)

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All Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

*Choir O Lord, I call to You; come to me quickly;
hear my voice when I cry to You.*

All Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

*Choir Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.
Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;
let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.
But my eyes are turned to You, O God;
in You I take refuge, strip me not of my life.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

All Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray: Holy God, source of all love, on the night of His betrayal Jesus gave us a new commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you."

C Write this commandment on our hearts, and give us the will to serve others, as Jesus lived among us and was the servant of all; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 12:1-14

¹The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE HYMN (*Sung to the tune of "Thy Strong Word"*)

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fulness over me,
underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward to Thy glorious rest above.

GOSPEL (*Congregation rising*)

John 13:1-17, 31-34

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 13th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." ¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord – and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them... ³¹When [Judas] had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(The congregation is seated as we observe a time of silence for reflection)

C Thanks be to God.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
(moment of silence)

A Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:

C To You, O Lord.

† **HOLY COMMUNION** †

PREFACE (*Congregation rising*)

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 Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, 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. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many. As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. 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 The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

HYMN OF PREPARATION (*Sung to the tune of "Let All Mortal Flesh"*)

Now, my tongue, the myst'ry telling of the glorious body sing,
and the blood, all price excelling, which our gentle Lord and King,
once on earth among us dwelling, shed for this world's ransoming.

That last night at supper lying 'mid the Twelve, His chosen band,
Jesus, with the Law complying, keeps the feast its rites demand;
then, more precious food supplying, gives Himself with His own hand.

DISTRIBUTION ANTHEM I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table Allan Jacobson
(Worshipers are invited to come forward to receive the pre-packaged Communion kit, then return to your seat to eat and drink. Those not partaking of communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing. If you need assistance, please alert the pastor or usher.)

CLOSING PRAYER *(Congregation rising)*

P Lord God, in this blessed Sacrament You have called us to remember the suffering and death of Your beloved Son. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Christ's body and blood that the fruits of redemption may continually be at work in us; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Depart in peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN Upon the Cross Extended (v. 1 & 7) **LSB Hymn 453**

POSTLUDE O Welt, ich muss dich lassen G. Winston Cassler

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COMMUNION STATEMENT

Village Lutheran Church welcomes to Holy Communion those baptized Christians who: †Know Jesus Christ as their Savior (*John 20:31*); †Recognize that the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine (*1 Cor. 11:29*); †Are able to examine themselves and repent of their sins (*1 Cor. 11:28*); and †Look to God's Holy Spirit for help in living the Christian life (*Col. 1:10*). Persons not receiving Communion may come forward to receive a blessing.

Participants in the Service:

Cantor George Heath
Lector Beverley Lorie
Ushers Ralph Schoene, Warren Wong

News and Notes:

Holy Week Worship: Join us tomorrow for the Tenebrae Service on **Good Friday** at 12:00 or 7:30 p.m. **Festival Easter Worship** will be offered at all three weekend services (no vigil on Saturday) with a special coffee hour on Sunday between services. If you would like to bring a food item for the Easter coffee hour, please choose commercially wrapped products or wrap items yourself and drop off in the kitchen before the 9:00 a.m. service. Thank you!

SOUP KITCHEN – Third Wednesday of the month. Aluminum trays are available at the Reception Desk. Volunteers prepare food in the trays and drop off in the parking lot from 12:00-1:00. The next date is **Wednesday, April 20**. Please sign up in advance to confirm your contribution. For more information, contact Nelly Palumbo at NPalumbo@thechapelschool.org or 347-538-2909.

Lay Deacon Blessing: Janet George has completed her internship and will be blessed as an Atlantic District Lay Deacon on **Saturday, April 23 at 5:30 p.m.** Preacher for the day will be Rev. Victor Belton (our 2022 Rehm Pastor in Residence). There will also be a cookie reception following the service. Commissioned Ministers, Lay Deacons and Pastors are invited to vest and process. Color of the day is white.

PTO BOOK FAIR: Come on by! Open shopping available on **Sunday, April 24**, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. We also have e-wallet set up on our website <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/chapelschoolpto>

Summer Program Open House: Now is the time to explore and make plans for summer activities. Families are welcome to attend an open house on **Sunday, April 24, from 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.**

Prayer Conference Call: We invite you to join in prayer for the needs of our community on **Tuesday, April 26, at 6:00 p.m.** Simply dial (1) 732-434-3982. The conference call consists of a brief form of evening prayer as well as prayers for specific needs. If you want to include a prayer request, please contact the church office at 914-337-0207, x1003 or KRapillo@VLC-NY.org

New Rehm Lecture Series: VLC is pleased to welcome Rev. Victor Belton for the inaugural Merlin and Lois Rehm Pastoral Residency Lecture on **Wednesday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m.** in the sanctuary. Join us in person or virtually at VLC-NY.ORG and the church's Facebook and YouTube channels. Pastor Belton will also be preaching at all services on the weekends of April 23-24 and April 30-May 1.

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