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My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? (Ps. 22:1)

**Indicates to please stand as you are able.*

BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

OPENING HYMN #606 “Our Father, We Have Wandered”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

PSALM 116:1-2, 12-19

¹I love the Lord, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

²**for the Lord has given ear to me whenever I called.**

¹²How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things God has done for me?

¹³**I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people.

¹⁵**Precious in your sight, O Lord, is the death of your servants.**



¹⁶O Lord, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

¹⁷**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.**

¹⁸I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of | all God's people,

¹⁹**in the courts of | the Lord's house, in the midst of you, | O Jerusalem.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 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: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

L: 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."

^{31b}"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."

L: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *(A brief silence.)*

God of love, unite your church in its commitment to humble service. Make us your faithful disciples. Speak words of truth and grace through us. Encourage us in self-giving acts of kindness. Let us love one another as you have loved us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of love, tend to flocks, fields, and vineyards. Bring favorable weather for crops to grow. Guide the hands of those who cultivate, farm, and garden. Let the earth flourish so that all may eat and be satisfied. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of love, you give us a new commandment, to have love for one another. We give thanks for organizations that respond to disasters and for agencies that offer relief and humanitarian aid to populations in need (*particular organizations may be named*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of love, give ear to all who call upon you for any need of body or spirit. Provide for those who do not have enough to eat, those who are unemployed or underemployed, and those who rely on the generosity of others. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of love, you invite us to your table of mercy. Heal all divisions between members of this assembly. Extend the hospitality of this table beyond these walls, that your love and welcome be made known to all. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of love, glorify your servants who walked by faith in this life and who now feast with you. Inspire us by the sacrifice of those who were imprisoned, persecuted, or martyred for their faith, *especially Dietrich Bonhoeffer*. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you all. **And also with you.**

In this time of sharing the peace, take a moment right now to send a quick text to someone to let them know that you're thinking of them...

OFFERING

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

PSALM: Psalm 22

- ¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?
- ²My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer;
by night, but I find no rest.
- ³Yet you are the Holy One,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- ⁴Our ancestors put their trust in you,
they trusted, and you rescued them.
- ⁵They cried out to you and were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- ⁶But as for me, I am a worm and not human,
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- ⁷All who see me laugh me to scorn;
they curl their lips; they shake their heads.
- ⁸"Trust in the Lord; let the Lord deliver;
let God rescue him if God so delights in him."
- ⁹Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb,
and kept me safe on my mother's breast.

¹⁰I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

¹¹Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
and there is no one to help.

¹²Many young bulls encircle me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

¹³They open wide their jaws at me,
like a slashing and roaring lion.

¹⁴I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

¹⁵My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the dust of death.

¹⁶Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers circles round me;
they pierce my hands and my feet.

¹⁷I can count all my bones
while they stare at me and gloat.

¹⁸They divide my garments among them;
for my clothing, they cast lots.

¹⁹But you, O Lord, be not far away;
O my help, hasten to my aid.

²⁰Deliver me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.

²¹Save me from the lion's mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

²²I will declare your name to my people;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.

²³You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the Lord, all you offspring of Israel.

²⁴For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the Lord's face
hidden from them;
but when they cry out, the Lord hears them.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸For dominion belongs to the Lord,
who rules over the nations.

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the Lord.

³⁰Their descendants shall serve the Lord,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, "The Lord has acted!"

GOOD FRIDAY: SEVEN WORDS

We're reminded that Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. In John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient bidding prayer, as Christ's death offers life to all. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life. We depart silently, and we anticipate the culmination of the Three Days in the Easter Vigil.

THE FIRST WORD

Luke 23:33-34

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[³⁴ Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

HYMN **#349** **"Ah, Holy Jesus"** **vs. 1-2**

THE SECOND WORD

Luke 23:39-43

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? ^[1] Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

HYMN **#349** **"Ah, Holy Jesus"** **vs. 3-5**

THE THIRD WORD

John 19:25-27

²⁵ And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

HYMN **#351** **"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"** **vs. 1-2**

THE FOURTH WORD

Mark 15:33-34

³³ When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land^[h] until three in the afternoon. ³⁴ At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

HYMN #351 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" vs. 3-4

THE FIFTH WORD

John 19:28

²⁸ After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty."

HYMN #353 "Were You There" vs. 1-2

THE SIXTH WORD

John 19:29-30

²⁹ A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

HYMN #353 "Were You There" vs. 3-4

THE SEVENTH WORD

Luke 23:46

Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.

HYMN #353 "Were You There" vs. 5

BIDDING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

L: Behold the lifegiving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the World.

C: Oh, come let us worship him.

CLOSING HYMN #616 "Jesus Remember Me" x3

We depart in silence...