

GATHERING

WELCOME

- Welcome to worship! Welcome to all those joining us via our Live Stream and our Listen to Church Service
- If you are joining us from home, I invite you to gather some bread and wine/juice so you can join us in celebrating Holy Communion this evening.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand for our shared confession:

Friends in Christ,

in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil – all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the grace and mercy of almighty God,

Jesus Christ was given to die for us,

and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority,

I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,

in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Love Consecrates the Humblest Act (360)

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| 1 Love consecrates the humblest act
and haloes mercy's deeds;
it sheds a benediction sweet
and hallows human needs. | of his disciples, he gave us
a sign of love complete. |
| 2 When in the shadow of the cross
Christ knelt and washed the feet | 3 Love serves and willing stoops to serve;
what Christ in love so true
has freely done for one and all,
let us now gladly do! |

Text: Silas B. McManus, 1845-1917

WORD

GOSPEL

Mark 14:12-26

The holy gospel according Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹² On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" ¹³ So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, ¹⁴ and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹⁵ He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there." ¹⁶ So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

¹⁷ When it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸ And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." ¹⁹ They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I?" ²⁰ He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. ²¹ For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."

²² While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." ²³ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. ²⁴ He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵ Truly I tell you, I

will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." ²⁶ When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON**Pastor Sarah Miller****HYMN OF THE DAY*****Thee We Adore, O Savior* (476)**

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| 1 Thee we adore, O Savior, God most true,
thy glory clothed in bread and wine anew;
our hearts to thee in true devotion bow,
in humble awe, we hail thy presence now. | cleanse us, O Christ, with thy most
cleansing blood:
increase our faith and love, that we may
know
the hope and peace which from thy
presence flow. |
| 2 O true remembrance of Christ crucified,
the bread of life to us for whom he died;
lend us this life then; feed and feast our
mind,
be thou the sweetness we were meant to
find. | 4 Jesus, by faith we see thee here below;
send us, we pray thee, what we thirst for
so:
someday to gaze upon thy face in light,
blest evermore with thy full glory's sight.
Amen. |
| 3 Fountain of goodness, Jesus, Lord and
God, | |

Text: Thomas Aquinas, 1227-1274; tr. Gerard Manley Hopkins, 1844-1889, and James R. Woodford, 1820-1885, alt.

SHARING THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING*Ubi Caritas et Amor*

OSL Choir

OFFERTORY*Create in Me a Clean Heart* (186)**MEAL****INVITATION**

Jesus says: "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty, and anyone who comes to me I will never turn away."

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION***Let Us Break Bread Together (471)***

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| 1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees. | 2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees.
<i>Refrain</i> |
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When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. | 3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees.
<i>Refrain</i> |

Text: African American spiritual

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

The body and blood of our Lord and savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace, now, and always.

Let us pray:

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.**

SENDING

PSALM 22 *(Chanted by Ted Bensen as Altar is stripped)*

Depart in silence