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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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 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 \oplus Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins.

GATHERING SONG WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS ELW #803

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

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APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SPECIAL MUSIC GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD (M. MCDONALD)

Holy Trinity Chancel Choir with Orchestra

PSALM 34:1-10

I will bless the LORD at all times;

the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;

let us exalt God's name together.

I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.

Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be downcast.

I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.

Taste and see that the LORD is good;

happy are they who take refuge in God!

Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,

for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

The lions are in want and suffer hunger,

but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD W&P 129

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

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GOSPEL READING LUKE 22:7-27

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-second chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it." They asked him, "Where do you want us to make preparations for it?" "Listen," he said to them, "when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters and say to the owner of the house, 'The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" 'He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there." So they went and found everything as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves, for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!" Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, "The kings of the gentiles lord it over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather, the greatest among you must become like the youngest and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

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

SERMON

VICAR ALYSA OFFMAN

SERMON RESPONSE

WERE YOU THERE

(M. MCDONALD)

Holy Trinity Chancel Choir with Orchestra

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for new life in the church, new hope for the world, and God's love for all who are in need.

Heal the wounds of your church, O God. As we remember your commandment to love one another, guide us toward reconciliation within the body of Christ. Bless all who gather around the world and in this community for these holy days. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Renew the life of your creation. Restore lands suffering from chronic drought or flood, and protect fragile habitats from destruction. Encourage all who strive to build more sustainable systems for life and thriving. God of grace, **receive our prayer**.

Bring peace and justice among your people. Where there is oppression or fear, bring liberation and hope. Instill wisdom and humility in local and national leaders, and guide them to serve their communities in the way of Jesus. God of grace, **receive our prayer**.

Console all who suffer. We pray especially for all who are lonely and yearning for community. Assure them of your loving presence. Come alongside all who cry out to you in any need, especially Steve, Kim, Denise, Patti, Dorisann, Dolores, Debbie, Aaron, Adalyn, Marlene, Marge, Donna, Joan, Suzanne, Barb, Dean. For what else do the people of God pray today? God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

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In the bread and cup we share, you show us the way of love poured out for the whole world. Nourish all who hunger in body or in spirit, that they experience the life abundant that flows from you. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We remember the saints who rest in you. We give thanks for all our beloved dead. Confident of your steadfast love, we commend them to your eternal care. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY SONG TAKE MY LIFE, THAT I MAY BE ELW #685

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ELW P. 108

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: heav'n and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **Amen.**Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **Amen.**Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER ELW P. 112

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG LAMB OF GOD ELW P. 112-113

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION SONG GLORIFY THY NAME W&P #42

Father, we love you, we worship and adore you, glorify thy name in all the earth; glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you, glorify thy name in all the earth; glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.

Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore you, glorify thy name in all the earth; glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth. Text and music (c) 1978 House of Mercy Music, admin. Maranatha! Music, c/o The Copyright Company

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

MUSIC FOR REFLECTIONOrchestral Strings

ADAGIO FOR STRINGS

(S. BARBER)

You are invited to remain in silent prayer as long as you wish.

When you leave this time of worship, please leave in silence.

Our worship continues on Friday, April 18, at 7:00pm.