

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**    “Jesus, I Will Ponder Now” & “O Sacred Head Now Wounded” (arr. J.S. Bach)

**ANTHEM**    “Thirty Pieces of Silver” (Beall/Carter)    *Choir Ensemble*

## INVOCATION

**P**    In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C**    Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P**    If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C**    **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.)*

**P**    Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C**    **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

**P**    Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C**    Amen.

## 619 THY BODY, GIVEN FOR ME, O SAVIOR

1    Thy body, giv’n for me, O Savior,  
      Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed,  
      These are my life and strength forever,  
      By them my hungry soul is fed. **Refrain**

**Refrain**    Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
              Be for my soul the highest good!

2    With Thee, Lord, I am now united;  
      I live in Thee and Thou in me.  
      No sorrow fills my soul, delighted  
      It finds its only joy in Thee. **Refrain**

3    Who can condemn me now? For surely  
      The Lord is nigh, who justifies.  
      No hell I fear, and thus securely  
      With Jesus I to heaven rise. **Refrain**

4    Though death may threaten with disaster,  
      It cannot rob me of my cheer;  
      For He who is of death the master  
      With aid and comfort e’er is near. **Refrain**

5 My heart has now become Thy dwelling,  
O blessed, holy Trinity.  
With angels I, Thy praises telling,  
Shall live in joy eternally. Refrain

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## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Exodus 24:3–11*

<sup>3</sup>Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the just decrees. And all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do.” <sup>4</sup>And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>5</sup>And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. <sup>6</sup>And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. <sup>7</sup>Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.” <sup>8</sup>And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.” <sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. <sup>11</sup>And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

*1 Corinthians 10:16–17*

<sup>16</sup>The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? <sup>17</sup>Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM** “Shadow Garden” (Martin) *Choir Ensemble*

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Mark 14:12–26*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourteenth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>12</sup>On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, [Jesus’] disciples said to him, “Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?” <sup>13</sup>And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, <sup>14</sup>and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ <sup>15</sup>And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare

for us.” <sup>16</sup>And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. <sup>17</sup>And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. <sup>18</sup>And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.” <sup>19</sup>They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, “Is it I?” <sup>20</sup>He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. <sup>21</sup>For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.” <sup>22</sup>And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” <sup>23</sup>And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. <sup>24</sup>And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. <sup>25</sup>Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup>And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## 621 LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE

sts. 1–3

- 1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
For with blessing in His hand  
Christ our God to earth descending  
Comes our homage to demand.
- 2 King of kings yet born of Mary,  
As of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords in human vesture,  
In the body and the blood,  
He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heav’nly food.
- 3 Rank on rank the host of heaven  
Spreads its vanguard on the way  
As the Light of Light, descending  
From the realms of endless day,  
Comes the pow’rs of hell to vanquish  
As the darkness clears away.

Text: Liturgy of St. James, 5th cent.; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–85, alt.  
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**SERMON** “My Close Friend” Psalm 41:9

**NICENE CREED** *(Creed can be found in the back of the hymnal and on the screens)*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition, please respond with the following:*

- P** Let us pray to the Lord
- C** Lord, have mercy.  
*At the end of the prayer:*
- C** Amen.

**+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

## PREFACE

LSB 160

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them 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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## SANCTUS

LSB 161

**C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

## LORD'S PRAYER

## PAX DOMINI

LSB 163

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI

LSB 163

**C** **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.**

## + DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

*For guests and visitors, we invite you to please read our statement regarding the Lord's Supper on the inside cover of your bulletin.*

## 625 LORD JESUS CHRIST, LIFE-GIVING BREAD

1 Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,  
May I in grace possess You.  
Let me with holy food be fed,  
In hunger I address You.  
Prepare me well for You, O Lord,  
And, humbly by my prayer implored,  
Give me Your grace and mercy.

- 2 To pastures green, Lord, safely guide,  
To restful waters lead me;  
Your table well for me provide,  
Your wounded hand now feed me.  
Though weary, sinful, sick, and weak,  
Refuge in You alone I seek,  
To share Your cup of healing.
- 3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's delight,  
For full and free remission  
I come with prayer before Your sight  
In sorrow and contrition.  
Your righteousness, Lord, cover me  
That I receive You worthily,  
Assured of Your full pardon.
- 4 I do not merit favor, Lord,  
My weight of sin would break me;  
In all my guilty heart's discord,  
O Lord, do not forsake me.  
In my distress this comforts me  
That You receive me graciously,  
O Christ, my Lord of mercy!

Text: Johann Rist, 1607–67; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806–74, alt. Text: Public domain

## 761 ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME

- 1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From Thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure:  
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
- 2 Not the labors of my hands  
Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save, and Thou alone.
- 3 Nothing in my hand I bring;  
Simply to Thy cross I cling.  
Naked, come to Thee for dress;  
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly;  
Wash me, Savior, or I die.
- 4 While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–78 Text: Public domain

## 436 GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE

sts. 1–3

- 1 Go to dark Gethsemane,  
All who feel the tempter's pow'r;  
Your Redeemer's conflict see,  
Watch with Him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from His griefs away;  
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.
- 2 Follow to the judgment hall,  
View the Lord of life arraigned;  
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!  
Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;  
Learn from Him to bear the cross.
- 3 Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;  
There, adoring at His feet,  
Mark that miracle of time,  
God's own sacrifice complete.  
"It is finished!" hear Him cry;  
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854

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## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

LSB 166

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## + STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR +

*(The Communion vessels are reverently removed from the altar, the altar is stripped, and the chancel is cleared in preparation for the solemn services of Good Friday.)*

## PSALM

Psalm 22:1–31

- <sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?\*
- Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my | groaning?
- <sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry by day, but you do not | answer,\*  
and by night, but I | find no rest.
- <sup>3</sup>Yet you are | holy,\*  
enthroned on the praises of | Israel.
- <sup>4</sup>In you our fathers | trusted;\*,  
they trusted, and you de- | livered them.

<sup>5</sup>To you they cried and were | rescued;\*  
in you they trusted and were not | put to shame.

<sup>6</sup>But I am a worm and | not a man,\*  
scorned by mankind and despised by the | people.

<sup>7</sup>All who see me | mock me;\*  
they make mouths at me; they | wag their heads;

<sup>8</sup>“He trusts in the LORD; let him de- | liver him;\*  
let him rescue him, for he de- | lights in him!”

<sup>9</sup>Yet you are he who took me | from the womb;\*  
you made me trust you at my | mother’s breasts.

<sup>10</sup>On you was I cast | from my birth,\*  
and from my mother’s womb you have | been my God.

<sup>11</sup>Be not far from me,  
for trouble | is near,\*  
and there is | none to help.

<sup>12</sup>Many bulls en- | compass me;\*  
strong bulls of Bashan sur- | round me;

<sup>13</sup>they open wide their | mouths at me,\*  
like a ravening and roaring | lion.

<sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are | out of joint;\*  
my heart is like wax;

it is melted with- | in my breast;

<sup>15</sup>my strength is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks | to my jaws;\*  
you lay me in the | dust of death.

<sup>16</sup>For dogs en- | compass me;\*  
a company of evildoers encircles me;  
they have pierced my | hands and feet—

<sup>17</sup>I can count | all my bones—\*

they stare and gloat | over me;

<sup>18</sup>they divide my garments a- | mong them,\*  
and for my clothing they | cast lots.

<sup>19</sup>But you, O LORD, do not be | far off!\*  
O you my help, come quickly | to my aid!

<sup>20</sup>Deliver my soul | from the sword,\*  
my precious life from the power | of the dog!

<sup>21</sup>Save me from the mouth of the | lion!\*  
You have rescued me from the horns of the wild | oxen!

<sup>22</sup>I will tell of your name to my | brothers;\*  
in the midst of the congregation I will | praise you:

<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, praise him!  
All you offspring of Jacob, glo- | rify him,\*  
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of | Israel!

<sup>24</sup>For he has not despised or abhorred  
the affliction of the afflicted,  
and he has not hidden his | face from him,\*  
but has heard, when he | cried to him.

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great congrega- | tion;\*  
my vows I will perform before those who | fear him.

<sup>26</sup>The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall | praise the LORD!\*

May your hearts live for- | ever!

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn | to the LORD,\*

and all the families of the nations  
shall worship be- | fore you.

<sup>28</sup>For kingship belongs | to the LORD,\*  
and he rules over the | nations.

<sup>29</sup>All the prosperous of the earth eat and | worship;\*  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
even the one who could not keep him- | self alive.

<sup>30</sup>Posterity shall | serve him;\*

it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gener- | ation;

<sup>31</sup>they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people | yet unborn,\*  
that he has | done it.

*(All leave the church in silence.)*

### **Our worship continues:**

Good Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm

Good Friday Tenebrae, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm

Easter Celebration with Holy Communion, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 7:30 & 10 am

Easter Breakfast 8:45-9:45 am

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