



**THIS IS HE WHO  
CAME BY**

*water & blood-*

**JESUS CHRIST;**

**NOT BY THE WATER ONLY  
BUT BY THE**

*water and  
the blood.*

**1 JOHN 5:6, ESV**



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7:00 p.m.

### Maundy Thursday: Water & Blood

The forty days of Lent now draw to a close in the three great days of Holy Week, the Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Often treated as one long service, these three days place our Lord's Passion at the center of our lives. We go home to rest and rise to labor, only to return and find that our Lord continues to labor for us. This one long service traces the days of our Lord's Passion, when He labored in love and offered His life for the forgiveness of our sin. This evening, we gather to remember our Lord's celebration of Passover, His institution of the Lord's Supper. When faced with betrayal, Jesus remained faithful to His Father's mission. He prepared the Passover table, creating a place of forgiveness for His disciples. This evening, He opens that place of forgiveness for you. Meditate now on the wondrous love of your Savior, who in the face of certain sin offered His life to be the certainty of your salvation.

**PRELUDE**

*The Dark Hour*

Nickelmann

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RECOGNITION OF FIRST COMMUNICANTS

*Drake Francis Block, Cameron Morris Hegemier &  
Nora Rene' Nolan*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;

**C** according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

**P** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

**C** For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

**P** Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight,

**C** Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

**P** Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

**C** wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**P** Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.

**C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit.

**P** People of God, we are here at the Lord's bidding, confessing to Him all our sins of thought, word, and deed, of evil done and of good left undone. We are here that we might be absolved of our sins, renewed by the Spirit, and restored to joy. We pray that the Lord will drive from us all unclean thoughts, keep from our lips all lies and wicked words, and guard us in temptation. We know that it is God's will to forgive and restore us and that the only

merits we have to plead are Christ's alone. Before we approach His table, let us make humble confession, plead for the forgiveness of Christ's blood, and, by the aid of the Spirit, seek to amend our sinful lives. Merciful God...

*(Stand or Kneel)*

**C** We confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to one another, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault; wherefore we pray God Almighty to have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all of your sins, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Your sins are forgiven.

**C** Amen.

*(Stand)*

**P** May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**L** Let us pray. Blessed Lord, we gather on this night when You sat at table with Your disciples to keep the Passover. You knew the hearts of Your disciples and saw that Judas was to betray You, yet Your love did not falter and You did not shrink from Your saving will and purpose. Give us confidence in Your love and make us resolute in Your promise so that we may know the forgiveness, comfort,

and peace of Your saving wounds; through Jesus Christ,  
our Lord.

**C Amen.**

### **PASSING THE PEACE**

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

**C** And also with you.

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Exodus 17:1–7**

17 All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

## **EPISTLE READING**

**1 John 5:5–12**

<sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

<sup>7</sup>For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup>the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. <sup>9</sup>If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son.

<sup>10</sup>Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**P** The holy gospel according to St. Mark the fourteenth chapter.

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

## **GOSPEL**

**Mark 14:12–26**

<sup>12</sup>And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his 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** The gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON**

Water and Blood

Pastor Bill

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “*Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*” #337

**OFFERING**

Choir: *Remember Me*

## OFFERTORY RESPONSE HYMN



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

L Let us pray. God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

## PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

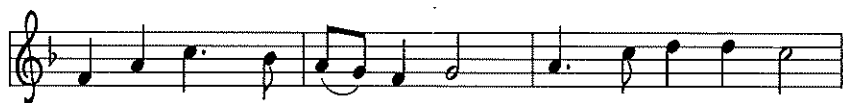
C **We lift them to the Lord.**



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, Lord God, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, who gathered once with His disciples to fulfill the Passover and deliver to His Church the sacred meal of His own flesh and blood in bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins, and who has gathered us now for this Holy Communion. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name singing:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**P** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, 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.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**L:** Let us pray together the prayer our Lord has taught us to pray...

**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.**

## **COMMUNION**

### **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

**STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

Dan Macklem

**READING OF PSALM 22**

Dan Macklem

**DEPART IN SILENCE**



*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of the first communicants tonight by Pastor Bill & Ann.*

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