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AS WE GATHER

One of the enduring legends from medieval times relates to the cup used by our Lord at the supper He shared with His disciples in the Upper Room on this evening. Known as the Holy Grail, the cup was said to have been passed into the safekeeping of Joseph of Arimathea, who kept it safely somewhere. Locating it has become a life-long quest for many people through the ages. Luke tells us simply what Jesus did at that meal: “Likewise [He took] the cup after they had eaten” (Luke 22:20). What eventually happened to that blessed cup, we do not know. But we do know that Jesus said, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood” (Luke 22:20). By His grace, that pouring out continues among us this day as we receive His blood shed for the forgiveness of our sins.



WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

OPENING MEDITATION – Psalm 22 (ESV)

22 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

² O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.

³ Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

⁴ In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

⁵ To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

⁶ But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

⁷ All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

⁸ “He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”

⁹ Yet you are he who took me from the womb;

you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.

¹⁰ On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother's womb you have been my God.

¹¹ Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.

¹² Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me;

¹³ they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.

¹⁴ I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;

¹⁵ my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

¹⁶ For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet —

¹⁷ I can count all my bones— they stare and
 gloat over me;
¹⁸ they divide my garments among them,
 and for my clothing they cast lots.
¹⁹ But you, O LORD, do not be far off!
 O you my help, come quickly to my aid!
²⁰ Deliver my soul from the sword,
 my precious life from the power of the dog!
²¹ Save me from the mouth of the lion!
 You have rescued me from the horns of the
 wild oxen!
²² I will tell of your name to my brothers;
 in the midst of the congregation I will praise
 you:
²³ You who fear the LORD, praise him!
 All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,
 and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of
 Israel!
²⁴ 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.

²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great
 congregation; my vows I will perform before
 those who fear him.
²⁶ The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those
 who seek him shall praise the LORD! May your
 hearts live forever!
²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and
 turn to the LORD,
 and all the families of the nations shall worship
 before you.
²⁸ For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules
 over the nations.
²⁹ 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 himself alive.
³⁰ Posterity shall serve him;
 it shall be told of the Lord to the coming
 generation;
³¹ they shall come and proclaim his
 righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he
 has done it.

OPENING HYMN: “Abide with Me” LSB#878 vv. 1,2,5

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide, the darkness deepens, Lord with me abide
 When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me

I need Thy presence ev’ry passing hour, what but Thy grace can foil the tempter’s pow’r
 Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be, through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless, I’ll have no weight and tears no bitterness
 Where is death’s sting, where, grave, thy victory, I triumph still if Thou abide with me

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: I will go to the altar of God,

Congregation: to God, my exceeding joy.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Congregation: who made heaven and earth.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

Congregation: for with the Lord is plenteous redemption and the forgiveness of all our sins.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins unto our gracious Lord:

Congregation: Almighty God, Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have turned away from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Have mercy on us, kind Father, because of the obedience of our brother, Jesus Christ, Your Son. Forgive us all that is past and with the power of the Holy Spirit, move us to serve You faithfully. Set our feet upon the new path of life, and build Your kingdom here through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Pastor: God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. By His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: God keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you to greater faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

HYMN: "There is a Redeemer"

There is a redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One
Thank you, oh my Father, for giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit, 'til, the work on Earth is done

Jesus my redeemer, name above all names
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, oh, for sinners slain
Thank you, oh my Father, for giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit, 'til, the work on Earth is done

When I stand in glory, I will see His face
And there I'll serve my King forever, in that Holy Place
Thank you, oh my Father, for giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit, 'til, the work on Earth is done

And leaving Your Spirit, 'til, the work on Earth is done

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116:12-19 *(read responsively)*

Reader: What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits to me?

Congregation: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,

Reader: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people.

Congregation: Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.

Reader: O LORD, I am Your servant; I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

Congregation: I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.

Reader: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people,

Congregation: in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

All: Praise the LORD!

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:15-25

And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds," then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 22:7-20

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to: St. Luke, The 22nd Chapter.

Congregation: 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 for us, that we may eat it." They said to him, "Where will you have us prepare it?" He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters and tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there." And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, "I have earnestly 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." And he took a cup, and when he had given 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." And he took 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 likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" LSB #621 vv. 1,2,3

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

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

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

SERMON

Pastor Jesus Morales

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs:

For the faithful proclamation of Christ's saving name, that God's people may be strengthened in the true faith and His kingdom extended, let us pray to the Lord:

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the Holy Christian Church throughout the world and for all who confess the name of Christ, that God would guard and defend us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, let us pray to the Lord:

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this congregation, its mission and its people; for the ability to meet the needs that arise as we do the work God has given us to do; and for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, let us pray to the Lord:

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all who partake this day of Christ's holy body and blood, that in their eating and drinking they may receive the benefits of forgiveness of sins and the renewal of life and have a foretaste of the feast to come, let us pray to the Lord:

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all of us gathered here in worship, that the blessings of this service be shown forth in our lives as we live in peaceable service to one another and in the world, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy and grant us Your peace.

Pastor: For all prayers, gathered here by Your faithful, Lord we submit them in faith for Your consideration. Bless us and remember us as we wait, looking for the consolation of all things.

Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: 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, whose power and salvation transcends the nations and kingdoms of the world. Lead us to Your heavenly kingdom, where in divine glory and freedom from sin His name is worshiped and glorified. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, with the saints gathered before Your throne from every nation, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, singing:

SANCTUS

Congregation: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of
Sab-a-oth; Heaven and earth
are full of thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He,
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth. Even when creation rebelled against You, You gave Your only-begotten Son into death that we might be saved and set free from the lasting consequences of sin and eternal death. By Your Spirit, prepare our hearts to receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in faith.

Congregation: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

Congregation: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment.

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

Congregation: 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.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You have poured out upon us Your never-ending love by giving Your Son, Jesus Christ, into death for us. Nourish Your Church through the Sacrament of His body and blood. Strengthen us so that we may continue to proclaim Him who gives life to the world; for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

HYMN: "Just as I Am" LSB #570 vv. 1,2,4,6

Just as I am, without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Just as I am and waiting not, to rid my soul of one dark blot
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind, sight, riches, healing of the mind
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Just as I am, Thy love unknown, has broken ev'ry barrier down
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine along, O Lamb of God, I come, I come

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.

All leave the church in silence.

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP – Friday, April 7th – Noon and 7 pm

EASTER WORSHIP – Sunday, April 9th – 9 am and 11 am (Spanish)