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"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God."

- 1 John 4:7

April 1, 2021 Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m.

God Calls Us into His Loving Presence

Prelude Where Dwelleth Charity and Love, There God is Found Bullard
Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

* Responsive Call to Worship

1 John 4:15-19

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in Him, and He in God.

So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in Him.

By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as He is so also are we in this world.

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. **We love because He first loved us.**

* Hymn of Communion

We Are God's People

SYMPHONY

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord, Born of His Spirit, established by His Word; Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in Him we stand: O let us live transparently and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
For we have known it, the love of God outpoured;
Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once giv'n:
O let us share each joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleases heav'n.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey Him, now risen from the dead;
He wills us be a family, diverse yet truly one:
O let us give our gifts to God, and so shall His work on earth be done.

We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;
We die alone, for on its own each member loses fire:
Yet joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light and to inspire.

God's People Confess Their Sins

Old Testament Lesson
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Leviticus 11:1-8

General Prayer of Confession

Father, we confess that we are sinners. While food can no longer defile us, we are always in danger of having a defiled conscience. Therefore, we desire to keep short accounts with You. Instead of allowing our sins to drive us away from You in guilt and shame, we bring our sins before You and trust in Your sovereign grace. Since we have a great High Priest, we approach the throne of grace boldly to find mercy and grace to help in time of need. Forgive our sins, blot out our transgressions, and lavish us with Your redeeming love. For we ask this in Christ's name. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon Pastor Jim Bachmann

* Music Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted KELLY
Mr. Travis Lamb, soloist, and Mr. Eli German, cello

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, see Him dying on the tree! 'Tis the Christ by man rejected, yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long-expected Prophet, David's son, yet David's Lord, by His Son God now has spoken, 'tis the true and faithful Word. Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning was there ever grief like His? Friends through fear His cause disowning foes insulting His distress. Many hands were raised to wound Him, none would interpose to save yet the deepest stroke that pierced Him was the stroke that justice gave. Ye who think of sin but lightly nor suppose the evil great here may view its nature rightly, here its guilt may estimate. Mark the sacrifice appointed see who bears the awful load. 'Tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed, Son of Man and Son of God. Here we have a firm foundation, here the refuge of the lost. Christ, the Rock of our salvation, His the name on which we boast. Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, sacrifice to cancel guilt! None shall ever be confounded who on Him their hope have built.

God's Word is Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson Mark 14:12-31 All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.

Sermon This Is My Body Pastor Heath Cross

Prayer of Supplication

God Calls Us to Communion with Christ and His People

* Hymn of Preparation Here, O My Lord, I see Thee Face to Face MORECAMBE

Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face; Here would I touch and handle things unseen, Here grasp with firmer hand th'eternal grace, And all my weariness upon Thee lean. Here would I feed upon the bread of God, Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heav'n; Here would I lay aside each earthly load, Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.

This is the hour of banquet and of song; This is the heav'nly table spread for me: Here let me feast, and, feasting, still prolong The brief, bright hour of fellowship with Thee.

I have no help but Thine, nor do I need Another arm save Thine to lean upon: It is enough, my Lord, enough in deed; My strength is in Thy might, Thy might alone.

Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness; Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood; Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace, Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* The Reciting of the Law of God

The Ten Commandments

Phillips

- 1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
- 2. You shall not make for yourself an idol; you shall not worship them or serve them.
- 3. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
- 4. Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy.
- 5. Honor your father and your mother.
- 6. You shall not murder.
- 7. You shall not commit adultery.
- 8. You shall not steal.
- 9. You shall not bear false witness.
- 10. You shall not covet.

Breaking the Bread

Wondrous Love Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

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Sharing the Cup

^{*} Prayer of Adoration

* Hymn of Thanksgiving Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire

GIFT OF LOVE

Though I may speak with bravest fire, And have the gift to all inspire, And have not love, my words are vain, As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, And striving so my love profess, But not be giv'n by love within, The profit soon turns strangely dim.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, Our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; By this we worship and are freed.

* Benediction

* Postlude

O Sacred Head Now Wounded Ms. Lisa Barry, organ Haan



April 2, 2021 7:00 p.m.

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