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THE SERMON

THE ADMONITION: (Pastor)

In this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil – all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were committed at Baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus, our Savior.

Within the community of his Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life.

We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other, as Jesus became our servant. Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of feet, following the example the Lord gave us on the night before his death.

It is, however, in the Holy Communion that the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's Last Supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and share the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of himself and participate in that new covenant which makes us one with him. The Eucharist is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

+The Confession of Sin (stand as you are able)

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

C Amen.

P Father of all mercies and God of all consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may attend to your Word, confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your son Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer.

C Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen

P Let us make confession to God.

C Almighty God, merciful Father:

I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and for which I justly deserve your punishment. But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, renew your Holy Spirit in me for the amendment of my sinful life and bring me to life everlasting.

Amen.

P Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and for his sake, forgive 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 Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day: Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Word

First Lesson: Exodus 12:1-4,11-14

12The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: 2This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. 3Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. 4If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one;

the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. 11This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. 12For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. 13The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. 14This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Psalm: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,*

because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me;*

I came to grief and sorrow.

How shall I repay the LORD*

for all the good things he has done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation*

and call upon the name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD*

in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the LORD*

is the death of his servants.

O LORD, I am your servant;*

**I am your servant and the child of your
handmaid;**

you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving*

and call upon the name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD*

in the presence of all his people,

in the courts of the LORD's house,*

in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

23For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, 24and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 25In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

+Verse: page 63

+Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

13Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. 2The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper 3Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, 4got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 5Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. 6He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" 7Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." 8Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." 9Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 10Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." 11For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." 12After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?"

13You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. 14So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. 15For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. 16Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. 17If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

31When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 32If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 33Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ 34I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 35By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

+Hymn of the Day:

+Apostles' Creed: page 65

+THE PRAYERS

A As we mark these forty days with repentance and forgiveness, let us pray for the renewal of the church and the restoration of the world to the life of God.

A O God, as Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, cleanse the church by your love and lead it to kneel in service for others. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A O God, as you once delivered Israel from bondage, deliver all oppressed people into your life-giving presence in Christ Jesus. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A O God, hear the prayers of all who cry to you. Protect those suffering for your name. Heal those who are ill (especially). Comfort those surrounded by the snares of death. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A O God, unite this community, especially those preparing for baptism, that as one body we may pass from death to life with Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A O God, you have led us to repent and to seek reconciliation with you and with one another. May our reception of your forgiveness proclaim that we are fully reconciled to you in your church. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A O God, gathered in the remembrance of Jesus, your church is united with the faithful of all ages. Clothe us in your love, that we may follow their example of faith. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Gracious Lord, listen to the cry of mercy that comes from our lips, and sustain us with your hope, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Meal

Offering

+Offertory: Lent page 67 (What Shall I Render)

+Offertory Prayer: page 67

+Great Thanksgiving: pages 68-71

+Lord's Prayer: page 71

Communion

+Post Communion Prayer: page 74

+The Stripping of the Altar Psalm 22 spoken in unison
LBW p.224 ELW hymn 1

There is no benediction.
The Service continues tomorrow evening.

ALL LEAVE THE SANCUARY IN SILENCE.