

Order of Service

Prelude

Call to Worship: *John 18:1-11* (pages 958-959)

Collect: (*unison*) Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before He suffered, did institute the Sacrament of His Body and Blood; Mercifully grant that we may thankfully receive the same in remembrance of Him, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of life eternal; through Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

***Hymn:** 274 *"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"*

Confession of Sin:

P: Brothers and sisters, God has called us to be children of the Light, not of the darkness.

C: Let us approach the throne of grace that we may receive mercy.

P: Let us pray

ALL: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed by Your grace; and grant us grace to grow more and more into Your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness: (*1 John 1:5,7*)

P: This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light: in Him there is no darkness at all.

C: But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin. Amen.

***Old Testament Lesson:** *Jeremiah 17:9* – The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?

***Gospel Lesson:** *John 18:15-18, 25-27*

¹⁵ And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest.

¹⁶ But Peter stood at the door outside. Then the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to her who kept the door, and brought Peter in.

¹⁷ Then the servant girl who kept the door said to Peter, "You are not also one of this Man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not."

¹⁸ Now the servants and officers who had made a fire of coals stood there, for it was cold, and they warmed themselves. And Peter stood with them and warmed himself.

²⁵ Now Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. Therefore they said to him, "You are not also one of His disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not!"

²⁶ One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of him whose ear Peter cut off, said, "Did I not see you in the garden with Him?"

²⁷ Peter then denied again; and immediately a rooster crowed.

***Psalter Selection:** (*responsively*) Psalm 41:7-13

⁷ All who hate me whisper together against me; against me they devise my hurt.

⁸ **"An evil disease," they say, "clings to him. And now that he lies down, he will rise up no more."**

⁹ Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.

¹⁰ **But You, O LORD, be merciful to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them.**

¹¹ By this I know that You are well pleased with me, because my enemy does not triumph over me.

¹² **As for me, You uphold me in my integrity, and set me before Your face forever.**

¹³ Blessed be the LORD God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.

Sermon: *John 18:15-18, 25-27*

***Hymn:** 283 *"What Wondrous Love Is This?"*

***The Nicene Creed** (Hymnal 138)

Second Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 26:17-30*

Now on the first day of the Feast of the Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying to Him, “Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?” And He said, “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, “My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples.”’ So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them; and they prepared the Passover. When evening had come, He sat down with the twelve. Now as they were eating, He said, “Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me.” And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to say to Him, “Lord, is it I?” He answered and said, “He who dipped his hand with Me in the dish will betray Me. The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born.” Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, “Rabbi, is it I?” He said to him, “You have said it.” And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.” Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father’s kingdom.” And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Holy Communion

Prayer - Lord’s Prayer (Hymnal 440)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology:** (Hymnal 382)

***Dedicatory Prayer**

***Hymn:** 250 *“Calvary Covers It All”*

Stripping of the Altar – *Psalm 22:1-21* (pages 490-491)

Depart in silence

(*) Indicates Congregation Standing.