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AS WE GATHER

"Do this in remembrance of Me," Jesus commanded as He instituted the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. When we receive His body and blood, we remember and proclaim His death. His death was the only sacrifice needed as He brings about the new covenant promised through Jeremiah. As the writer of Hebrews explains, now there is no need for sacrifice. God remembers His steadfast love and, for Jesus' sake, forgets our sins. We are therefore able to come into His presence and also move one another to love and good works.

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

INTRODUCTION

P On the night in which He was betrayed, Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper. He commanded us to remember Him when we celebrate the Sacrament. Indeed, through it He causes His death to be remembered so that we may have life. But we ask Him to remember us as well! We pray that He would not remember our sins and iniquities, but in mercy and grace to grant us forgiveness, life, and salvation.

OPENING HYMN: Just As I Am (LSB 570 v. 1-6)

- 1 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.
- 2 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.

- 3 Just as I am, though tossed about
With many_a conflict, many_a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 4 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.
- 5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

OPENING SENTENCES

P Lest we forget, Jesus commanded,

C **“Do this in remembrance of Me.”**

P For, He explained,

C **“This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood.”**

P The new covenant is the fulfillment of the promise made centuries earlier through Jeremiah. It is recalled in the Epistle:

C **“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.”**

P Therefore, the writer exhorts us,

C **“let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith.”**

P As we approach the Table of the Lord in faithful obedience, we are asking Him to remember us as well! It is the age-old plea David expressed in the Psalms:

C **Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord!**

P Let us now draw near to our gracious God to confess our sins, assured that for the sake of Jesus' sacrificial death, forgiveness is freely available.

Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Gracious heavenly Father,

C we have forgotten how much You love us and at times wondered about Your plans for us. We have forgotten to love our neighbors as ourselves and instead in our thoughts, words, and deeds, we have put our own interests first. We have forgotten that we are sinful from birth and bound to sin; we thought we had the power to change. In Your mercy for Jesus' sake, and as You have promised, forgive our iniquity, and remember our sin no more.

P Brothers and sisters, faith is personal. We cannot believe for one another. The Small Catechism teaches, "That person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words:

C 'Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.'"

P In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in ☩ peace.

C Amen.

HYMN: LAMB OF GOD (LSB 550 v. 1-3)

1 Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God. Refrain

ref O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

2 Your Gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. Refrain

3 I was so lost, I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God. Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your Passion.

G **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;**

P for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 31:31–34

³¹"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, ³²not 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. ³³But 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. ³⁴And 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."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 11:23–32

²³For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way also he took the cup, 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. ²⁷Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. ³²But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

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G **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 22:7–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-second chapter.

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁷Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it." ⁹They said to him, "Where will you have us prepare it?" ¹⁰He 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 ¹¹and 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?' ¹²And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there." ¹³And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. ¹⁴And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. ¹⁸For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹And 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." ²⁰And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN: When I Survey The Wondrous Cross (LSB 425 v. 1-4)

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross
 On which the Prince of Glory died,
 My richest gain I count but loss
 And pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
 Save in the death of Christ, my God;
 All the vain things that charm me most,
 I sacrifice them to His blood.
- 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet
 Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
 Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
 Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
 That were a tribute far too small;
 Love so amazing, so divine,
 Demands my soul, my life, my all!

SERMON: Pastor Paul Kollek

NICENE CREED

C 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: Go To Dark Gethsemane (LSB 436 v. 1-4)

- 1 Go to dark Gethsemane,
 All who feel the tempter's pow'r;
 Your Redeemer's conflict see,
 Watch with Him one bitter hour;
 Turn not from His griefs away;
 Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.
- 2 Follow to the judgment hall,
 View the Lord of life arraigned;
 Oh, the wormwood and the gall!
 Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!
 Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;
 Learn from Him to bear the cross.
- 3 Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;
 There, adoring at His feet,
 Mark that miracle of time,
 God's own sacrifice complete.
 "It is finished!" hear Him cry;
 Learn from Jesus Christ to die.

4 Early hasten to the tomb
 Where they laid His breathless clay;
 All is solitude and gloom.
 Who has taken Him away?
 Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes.
 Savior, teach us so to rise.

PRAYER

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people in their various needs. Heavenly Father, we pray for the nations of the world. Where their leaders care for their people, give them supportive citizens; where they seek their own power, frustrate their efforts and shorten their rule.

Lord Jesus, we pray for those who are often forgotten in society: people who are imprisoned or exiled from their homelands, people with long-term illnesses in hospitals and nursing homes, and people who live in poverty with their basic needs unmet. Assure them of Your presence and move the powers that be to care for them with dignity and justice.

O Holy Spirit, we pray for the Church wherever people gather around Word and Sacrament. Where it is persecuted, give courage; where it is growing, open doors of opportunity; where it is asleep, awaken clergy and laity to lead with zeal.

Lord over all, we pray for those who tend fields and flocks, who make and distribute goods and services, who protect and defend communities and nations, who heal and care for the ill and dying. Give them eyes to see their callings as ministries from Your gracious hand.

Triune God, we pray for people who do not know Jesus as Lord, who wonder about the truth of Your Word, and whose faith has grown cold. Grant them sure faith and remind them of Your great love, promised for ages and fulfilled in the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

These and any other things You would have us ask of You this day, grant to us for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

C Amen.

+ SACRAMENT +

(Communion will be taken at the altar)

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.

PROPER PREFACE

- P** 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, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

HYMN: Holy, Holy, Holy (LSB 507 v.1)

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, for in Your great love You sent Your Son, who humbled Himself and became obedient even to death on the cross so that we might have life. Gathered in His name, we pray that we may remember His death in true faith and, through this Sacrament, receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation He won for us in His great love. Strengthen us through His body and blood so that we may live each day as Your forgiven people until we celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- G** Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

- P** 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

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- G** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

- P** 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. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you, Pastor.

HYMN: THE LAMB (LSB 547 V. 1 & 4)

1 The Lamb, the Lamb,
O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes
God will provide the Lamb of price! Refrain

ref Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

4 He sighs, He dies,
He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives,
He gives me His own righteousness. Refrain

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SPECIAL MUSIC : GETHSEMANE HYMN (performed by Laura Cadreau)

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

P This is the night in which our Lord was betrayed. After He had instituted the Sacrament of His body and blood, He and the eleven disciples went out to the Garden of Gethsemane, where He knew Judas would come to set in motion the events leading to His crucifixion. All the appointments in the chancel are symbols related to our Lord, the light of the world, the Word of God in the flesh, the covering for our sins, and so on. This evening they are stripped from the altar—which represents Jesus Himself—just as He was struck, humiliated, tortured, and

taken to the cross. As the various items are removed, we listen to the words of Psalm 22, which anticipated our Lord's Passion. We then depart until our worship continues tomorrow.

P My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?
Why are You so far from saving Me, from the words of My groaning?
O My God, I cry by day, but You do not answer,
and by night, but I find no rest.
Yet You are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
In You our fathers trusted;
they trusted, and You delivered them.
To You they cried and were rescued;
in You they trusted and were not put to shame.
But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.
All who see Me mock Me;
they make mouths at Me; they wag their heads;
“He trusts in the Lord; let Him deliver Him;
let Him rescue Him, for He delights in Him!”
Yet You are He who took Me from the womb;
You made Me trust You at My mother's breasts.
On You was I cast from My birth,
and from My mother's womb You have been My God.
Be not far from Me,
for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.
Many bulls encompass Me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround Me;
they open wide their mouths at Me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.
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;
My strength is dried up like a potsherd,
and My tongue sticks to My jaws;
you lay Me in the dust of death.
For dogs encompass Me;
a company of evildoers encircles Me;
they have pierced My hands and feet—
I can count all My bones—
they stare and gloat over Me;
they divide My garments among them,
and for My clothing they cast lots.
But You, O Lord, do not be far off!
O You My help, come quickly to My aid!

Deliver My soul from the sword,
My precious life from the power of the dog!
Save Me from the mouth of the lion!
You have rescued Me from the horns of the wild oxen!
I will tell of Your name to My brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise You:
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!
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.
From You comes My praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will perform before those who fear Him.
The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek Him shall praise the Lord!
May your hearts live forever!
All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before You.
For kingship belongs to the Lord,
and He rules over the nations.
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.
Posterity shall serve Him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;
they shall come and proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn,
that He has done it.

(Please observe silence while leaving.)

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