

A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Week

March 30, 1988

***Invocation**

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

P: Amen.

L: Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: Amen.

***Act of Confession**

L: If we say we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins,
God, who is faithful and just
will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

All kneel in silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,
we confess that we are in bondage to sin
and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

L: In the mercy of Almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for you,
and for his sake God forgives you all your sins.
To those who believe in Jesus Christ
he gives the power to become the children of God
and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

P: Amen.

All stand.

***The Kyrie**

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

P: **Lord have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

P: **Lord have mercy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

P: **Lord have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

P: **Lord have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

P: **Amen.**

Anthem

"Ubi Caritas"

Maurice Durufle

Where there is charity and love, there is God.

We are all gathered together into one through Christ's love.

Let us rejoice in the One who brings us love.

Let us also bow in awe before the living God;

and may our hearts delight in God with sincerity.

The Passion Narrative According to Mark

Sermon

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

***Sharing of the Peace**

***Offertory Hymn No. 432**

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

***Prayer**

L: Blessed are you,

P: **O Lord our God, maker of all things.**

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts.

With them we offer ourselves to your service

and dedicate our lives

to the care and redemption

of all that you have made,

for the sake of him who gave himself for us,

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***The Great Thanksgiving**

L: The Lord be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

P: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

L: . . . all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father,

with the Holy Spirit,

in your holy Church

both now and forever.

P: **Amen.**

***The Lord's Prayer**

The Communion

During the distribution hymn no. 435 will be sung softly.

Prayer After Communion

L: We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us
through the healing power of this gift of life;
and we pray that in your mercy
you would strengthen us,
through this gift,
in faith toward you
and in fervent love toward one another;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: Amen.

Stripping of the Church

***Dismissal**

L: Almighty God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

P: Amen.

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude

This service was adapted from The Lutheran Book of Worship (1978).

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