

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



JOHN 13:1-17, 31-35

***“THE MYSTERY OF WASHING FEET AND
JESUS’ SACRIFICIAL LOVE”***

The Holy Communion is given for us until the consummation of the age.

Let us taste and see the LORD is good.

Let us serve and love with Christ now and forever.

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

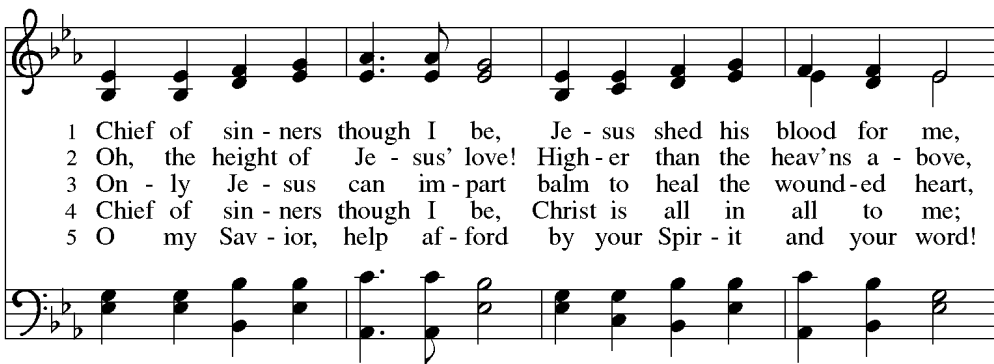
CONFESSION

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to 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 called at baptism. Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

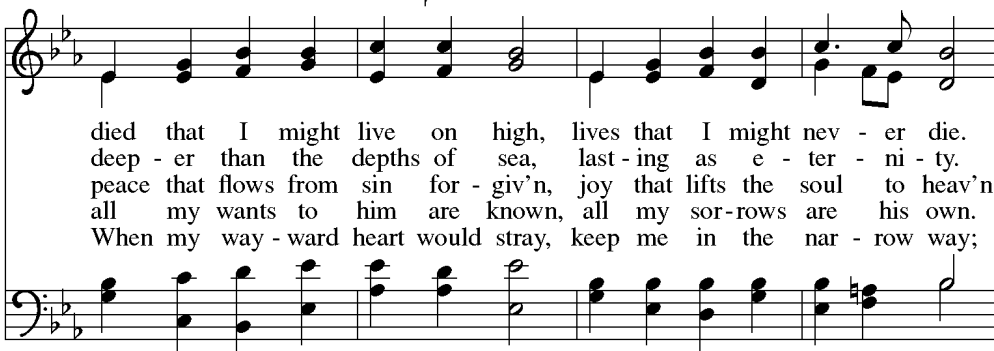
Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive 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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even where we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. Amen.



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his blood for me,
 2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love! High - er than the heav'ns a - bove,
 3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part balm to heal the wound - ed heart,
 4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;
 5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford by your Spir - it and your word!



died that I might live on high, lives that I might nev - er die.
 deep - er than the depths of sea, last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty.
 peace that flows from sin for - giv'n, joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
 all my wants to him are known, all my sor - rows are his own.
 When my way - ward heart would stray, keep me in the nar - row way;



As the branch is to the vine, I am his, and he is mine.
 Love that found me—won - drous thought—found me when I sought him not.
 faith and hope to walk with God in the way that E - noch trod.
 He sus - tains the hid - den life safe with him from earth - ly strife.
 grace in time of need sup - ply while I live and when I die.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(In Unison)

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

THE FIRST LESSON

EXODUS 12:1-14

Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the Passover lamb, whose blood was used as a sign to protect God's people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord's supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.

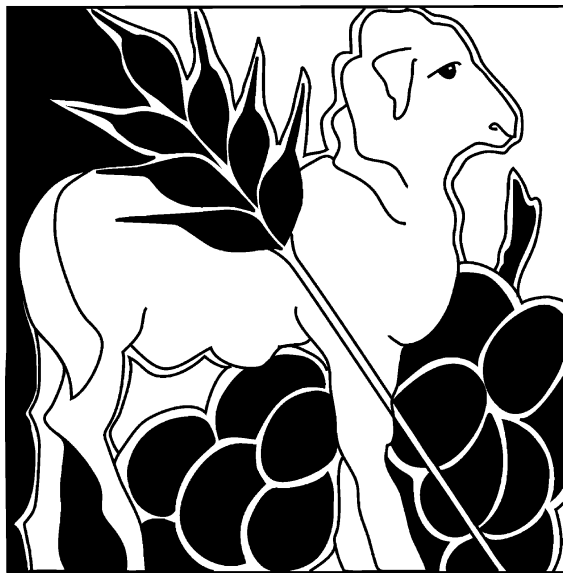
The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If 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. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 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.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



Congregational refrain:

I will lift up the cup of sal -
va - tion; I will call on the name of the LORD.

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,
²for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.

¹²How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me?
¹³I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the LORD.

Refrain:

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people.
¹⁵Precious in Your sight, O LORD, is the death of Your servants.

Refrain:

¹⁶O LORD, truly I am Your servant; I am Your servant, the child of Your
handmaid; You have freed me from my bonds
¹⁷I will offer You the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD.

Refrain:

¹⁸I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people,
¹⁹in the courts of the LORD'S house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Refrain:

THE SECOND LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

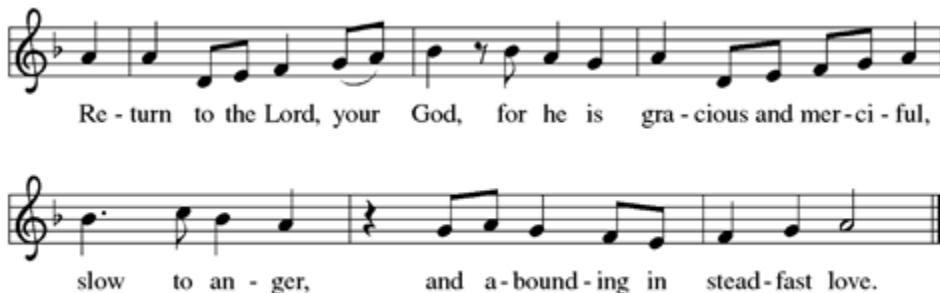
In the bread and cup of the Lord's supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. Faithful participation in this meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future.

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.

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***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *"Return to the Lord, your God"*



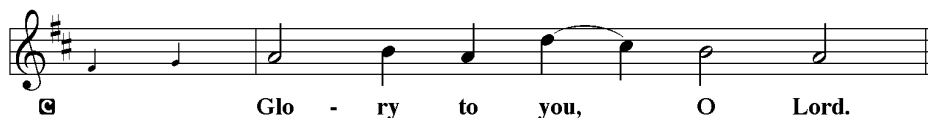
Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

***GOSPEL**

JOHN 13:1-17, 31b-35

Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel.

Response after the announcement:



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

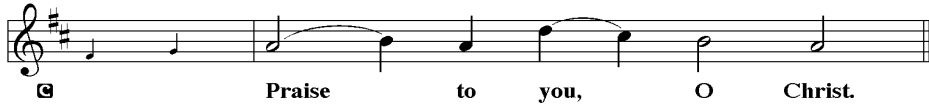
The story of the last supper in John's gospel recalls a remarkable event not mentioned elsewhere: Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for one another.

Now 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. ^{31b}"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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

“The Mystery of Washing Feet and Jesus’ Sacrificial Love”

The Experience of our Lord Jesus

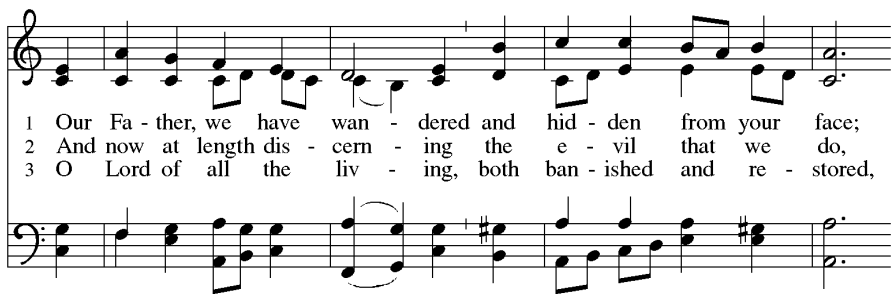
Personhood, Relationship, and Free Will – Jesus’ and Ours

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: How have I betrayed and denied the love of God given me in Jesus? Lord, have mercy.

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: Jesus washes feet, gives the Holy Communion and loves to the end. His example is for us and His death and resurrection are our hope now and forever.

So What? Love the LORD: Father, Son + Holy Spirit. Love your neighbor (yes, even that neighbor). Love yourself rightly. Serve God by learning to wash feet as His disciple.





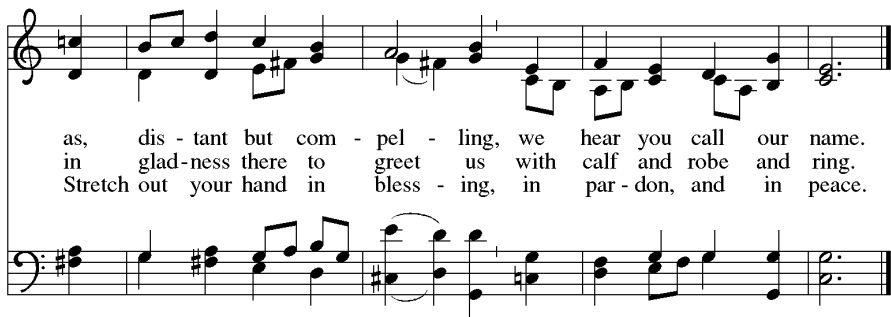
1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
 2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,
 3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



in fool-ish-ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.
 be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you,
 com-pas-sion-ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,



But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,
 In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,
 grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.



as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.
 in glad-ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
 Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

All are invited to confess our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have not received the gift of baptism or would like to affirm your faith in Jesus and join His mission here, please indicate on the attendance registry and talk to an usher or the pastor.

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 Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and

sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body

and the life + everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*A brief silence may be kept. Each prayer will conclude: Lord in Your mercy, and the congregation may respond **Hear our prayers.***

Prayers are commended in Jesus' Name.

P: All these prayers and whatever else You see that we need we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, the Man of Sorrows, who was tempted and suffered to save us.

C: Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

THE MEAL AND SENDING

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE FOR THE DAY AND THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION *Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, 1 Corinthians 11*

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

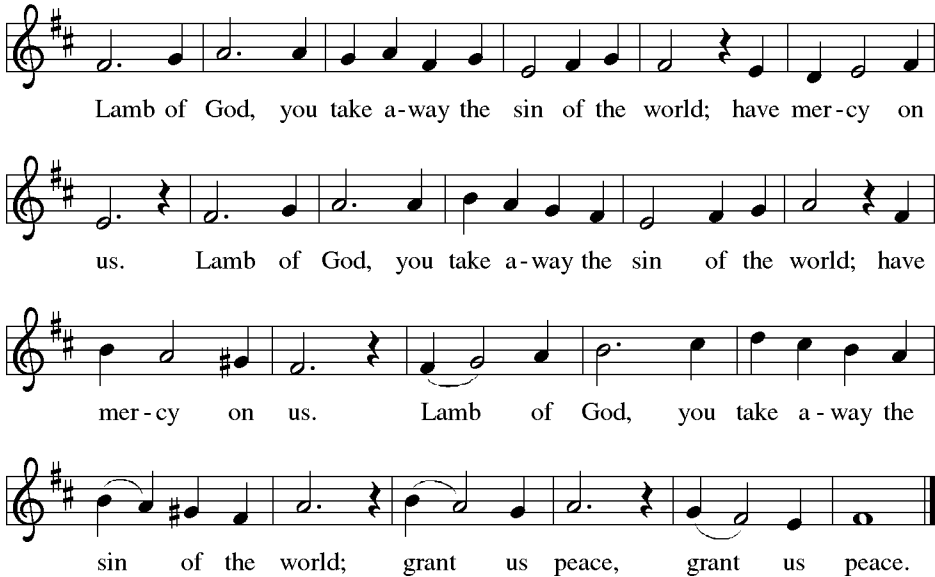
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

PSALM 22

- ¹My God, my God, why have You for-¹saken me
and are so far from my cry, and from the words of ¹my distress?
²O my God, I cry in the daytime, but You ¹do not answer;
by night as well, but I ¹find no rest.
³Yet You are the ¹Holy One,
enthroned upon the prais-¹es of Israel.
⁴Our forefathers put their ¹trust in You;
they trusted, and You de-¹livered them.
⁵They cried out to You and ¹were delivered;
they trusted in You and were not ¹put to shame.
⁶But as for me, I am a worm ¹and no man,
scorned by all and despised ¹by the people.
⁷All who see me laugh ¹me to scorn;
they curl their lips and wag ¹their heads, saying,
⁸"He trusted in the LORD; let Him de-¹liver him;

let Him rescue him, if he de- | lights in him."

⁹Yet you are He who took me out | of the womb,
and kept Me safe upon my | mother's breast.

¹⁰I have been entrusted to You ever since | I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my | mother's womb.

¹¹Be not far from me, for trou- | ble is near,
and there is | none to help.

¹²Many young bulls en- | circle me;
strong bulls of Ba- | shan surround me.

¹³They open wide their | jaws at me,
like a ravening and a | roaring lion.

¹⁴I am poured out like water; all my bones are | out of joint;
my heart within my breast is | melting wax.

¹⁵My mouth is dried out like a pot- | sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof | of my mouth;
and You have laid me in the dust | of the grave.

¹⁶Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers cir- | cle around me;
they pierce my hands and my feet, I can count | all my bones.

¹⁷They stare and gloat | over me;
they divide my garments among them; they cast lots | for my clothing.

¹⁸Be not far a- | way, O LORD;
You are my strength; hast- | en to help me.

¹⁹Save me | from the sword,
My life from the power | of the dog.

²⁰Save me from the | lion's mouth,
My wretched body from the horns | of wild bulls.

²¹I will declare Your name | to my brethren;
in the midst of the congregation | I will praise You.

²²Praise the LORD, | you that fear Him;
stand in awe of Him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's | line, give glory.

²³For He does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does He hide His | face from them; but when they cry to | Him He hears them.

²⁴My praise is of Him in the | great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who | worship Him.

²⁵The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the | LORD shall praise Him:

"May your heart | live forever!"

²⁶All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations shall | bow before Him.

²⁷For kingship belongs | to the LORD;

He rules o- | ver the nations.

²⁸To Him alone all who sleep in the earth bow | down in worship;
all who go down to the dust | fall before Him.

²⁹My soul shall live for Him; my descend- | ants shall serve Him;
they shall be known as the | LORD's forever.

³⁰They shall come and make known to a people | yet unborn
the saving deeds that | He has done.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION AND INDIVIDUAL DISMISSAL

P: This is the body of Christ given for you. This is the blood of Christ shed for you. Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**Depart in Silence*

We are so happy you joined us for worship.

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