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10:15 AM

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## HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II The Word of God

Prelude: "Jesus Loves Me"

arr. D. Paxton

Lenten Acclamation

*Celebrant:* Blessed be the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People:* **His mercy endures forever. Amen.**

The Decalogue

*Celebrant:* Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

*People:* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant:* You shall not make for yourself any idol.

*People:* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant:* You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

*People:* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant:* Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

*People:* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant:* Honor your father and your mother.

*People:* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant:* You shall not commit murder.

*People:* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant:* You shall not commit adultery.

*People:* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant:* You shall not steal.

*People:* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant:* You shall not be a false witness.

*People:* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant:* You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*People:* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant:* Jesus said "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these **Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison

Sung by Soloist only

Confession of Sin (*The People kneel as able*)

*Celebrant:*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (*Silence may be kept*)

*Celebrant and People*

**Most merciful God, we confess that 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Celebrant stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray. Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### The Lessons (*Please be seated*)

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*After each reading the Reader may say:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

First Reading 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm: 23

Second Reading: Ephesians 5: 8-14

Gradual Hymn: "Amazing Grace" vs. 1-3

Hymn #617

### Gospel Announcement

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to John.

*People:* **"Glory to you, Lord Christ."**

*Gospel:* John 9:1-41

*Response after the Gospel* **"Praise to you, Lord Christ."**

### Sermon

The Rev. Michael Muller

### The Nicene Creed (*Please stand.*)

Book of Common Prayer p. 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### The Prayers of the People (Form IV)

*Leader:* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for all those serving the cause of peace around the world, especially Christopher Rogers, and those serving in the military, including Max Gardner. Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray for those in our parish family, celebrating today Jim & Lois Morlock & Jim & Susan Muhaw . We give thanks for the birthdays of David Cronin, and Philip Worster, and we pray for Mozambican Medical Student Eugénio Simango. (*Silence*)

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

*Leader:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Reading their names together we pray for: **Steve O'Grady, Leslie Narain, Joyce Lawrence, Michael Cronin, Victor Smith, Joseph DeBiase, Neville De Costa, Richard Bayley, Ruth Dredden, Nancy Pignatello, Jim Trimiglozzi, , Nesim Aktas, Arlene Aspell, Eileen Berrios, Lawrence Larsen, Jack Christel, Nancy Nickens, Ray Rogers, Dana, Jack, Judy, Cicely, Dylan, Carl, Doug and Elyse.**

*Leader:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. (*Silence*) *The people may add their own petitions*

Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*All stand.*

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*All are invited to share Christ's peace with each other.*

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **Offertory Sentence**

**Offertory Solo: "And No Bird Sang"**

**D. Wagner**

**Presentation Hymn: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" Hymn #380**

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings to the celebrant. (vs. 3)*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving, *Enriching Our Worship*-Eucharistic Prayer 1

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, faces them and says*

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*      Lift up your hearts.

*People*      **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*      **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Celebrant and People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest**

*The people stand or kneel as able. Then the Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.      Christ is risen.      Christ will come again.**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant and people*

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God

*Celebrant :* Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,

*People:* **have mercy upon us.**

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*People:* **have mercy upon us.**

*Celebrant:* Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,

*People:* **grant us your peace.**

Invitation to Communion

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All are invited to participate in Communion.*

*Please approach the Altar by the center aisle and return to your pew by exiting to the right.*

Communion Music “Jesus Keeps Me Near the Cross”

arr. L. Smith

Post Communion Prayer

*Celebrant and people*

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Blessing

*(Please stand.)*

Recessional Hymn: “take up your cross” VS. 1-3

Hymn #675

*Dismissal:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: “Prelude in G-minor”

J. S. Bach