



All stand as the ministers enter in silence.

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People God's mercy endures forever.

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Celebrant

Let us pray. Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie

Hopeful Kyrie

Pastor Breen Marie Sipes

6 Lord have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy. Lord have
 11 mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy. Teach us for - give - ness,
 16 in your mer - cy. Free us from en - vy, in your
 21 mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy.
 26 Lord have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy. Help us to love one an -
 31 oth - er, in your mer - cy. Make us your mer - ci - ful peo - ple,
 36 in your mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy. Christ have
 mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy on us.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Lesson: A reading from the Book of Exodus

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14a

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell 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. If 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.

This 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. For 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. The 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. This 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1, 10-17 (*read in unison*)

1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, * because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

10 How shall I repay the Lord * for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation * and call upon the Name of the Lord.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord * in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the Lord * is the death of his servants.

14 O Lord, I am your servant; * I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving * and call upon the Name of the Lord.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord * in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the Lord's house, * in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

The Second Lesson: A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In 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." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able

Sequence Hymn , Vss. 1-3

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

Marty Haugen

1. Tree of Life and awe-some mys - t'ry, in your death we are re -
2. We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, lovepassed on through act and
3. Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum-bling though our steps may

born;
word;
be;

though you die in all of his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry our
ev - 'ry per - son lost and bro - ken wears the bod - y of our
one with you in joy and sor - row, we the riv - er, you the

morn,
Lord,
sea,

still you rise with ev - 'ry our the morn. Lord. sea.

The Gospel Reading

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to John.

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

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. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then 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.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus 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." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After 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? You call me Teacher and Lord--and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little 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.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sequence hymn continued, vs. 4

**God of all our fear and sorrow, God who lives beyond our death.
Hold us close through each tomorrow, love as near as ev'ry breath**

Please be seated for

The Homily

Lois Sauer, Licensed Lay Preacher

A moment of silence will be observed following the sermon.

The Foot-washing Ceremony

The whole congregation is invited to take part in the symbolic washing of feet, following the example of Jesus and embodying his command to love and serve. The clergy will wash the feet of the first persons to come forward. Then, those whose feet have been washed, will in turn wash the feet of those who come after them.

During the footwashing all sing...

Wonder, Love & Praise, #831

Ubi caritas

Taizé

(The choir will begin singing. Please join in whenever you like.)

***U-bi ca-ri-tas et a-mor,
u-bi ca-ri-tas De-us i-bi est.***

Translation: Live in charity and steadfast love, live in charity and God will dwell with you.

Please stand as able

The Prayers of the People

Leader Trusting in Jesus who gave his life for the world, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Silence

God who, in Jesus, kneels to wash our feet, gather your church around the world during this holy week. Humble the powerful and lift up any who are marginalized. Renew our faith and make us bold in service and love to our neighbors.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God who blesses the grain from the soil and the fruit of the vine, inspire in us a reverent care for the earth. Sustain fields, gardens, and wild places, that all people are fed and every living thing flourishes.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God whose greatest commandment is love, guide all who govern by the principle of love. Transform unjust human systems that oppress some for the gain of others. Restore communities as places of justice and concern for those who are vulnerable.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God who was betrayed at the cross, comfort people everywhere who have suffered abuse at the hands of someone they knew and should have been able to trust. Heal the bodies, minds, and hearts of victims of exploitation. Help all in pain to know that you are near, especially, **Mary, Carole, Elizabeth, Kate, Katharine, Kristen, Janet, Judy, Carmen, Will, Beth, Mark, Gabrielle, Edith, Anne, Mimi, Ina, Joan, Michelle, Clay,** and all others we name to you now... (the congregation may add prayers, spoken or in silence).

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God who sits at table with us, grant the joy of your presence to all who share this holy meal. Strengthen communities of faith in grace and courage.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for those who have died in the faith. Teach us by their example and comfort us as we mourn. Renew us by the promise of life together with you.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Celebrant

Receive these prayers, loving God, for the sake of the One who loved us to the end, Jesus Christ, our redeemer. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Remember to sanitize hands, before and after touching common items like offering plates or after shaking hands at the Peace.

The Liturgy of the Table

The Offertory

If you are viewing our livestream, you may wish to prepare your financial offering for mailing at this time, give online at www.stjohnswf.org/give, OR Text "STJOHNSWF" to 73256 to give using your mobile device.

Offertory Hymn

#581, The Hymnal 1982

Where charity and love prevail

Words: Latin
Music: Cheshire

1 Where charity and love prevail
there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love
by love are we thus bound.

2 With grateful joy and holy fear
his charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and strength
now love him in return.

3 Forgive we now each other's faults
as we our faults confess;
and let us love each other well
in Christian holiness.

4 Let strife among us be unknown,
let all contention cease;
be his the glory that we seek,
be ours his holy peace.

5 Let us recall that in our midst
dwells God's begotten Son;
as members of his Body joined
we are in him made one.

6 Love can exclude no race or creed
if honored be God's Name;
our common life embraces all
whose Father is the same.

Please stand as able for

The Great Thanksgiving

from Enriching our Worship

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

The Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy

Music: Franz Schubert

#S-130 (front of Hymnal)

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

Standing or kneeling

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friend. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with blessed John the Baptist and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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,

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.

Agnus Dei

S-164 (front of Hymnal)

Composer, Franz Peter Schubert

Arranger, Richard Proulx

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Redeemer, Redeemer of the world,
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

The Communion of the People (please sanitize your hands before coming forward)

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion or to receive a blessing (instead of the bread and wine) the altar rail. If you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest to signal the clergy. If you need a gluten free wafer, please extend your hands with palms down to signal the clergy. If you need to be served in your seat, please inform an usher.

At this time, we will refrain from offering the common cup (drinking from a common chalice) and will offer the wine by intinction only (dipping the communion wafer in the cup of wine.) If you wish to receive the wine, please hold the wafer in your fingers as the chalice bearer comes to you and take care to dip only the wafer into the wine (and not your fingers.) If you are not comfortable receiving the wine this way, please know that receiving only the consecrated bread at Holy Communion (or the wine only) is still considered full Communion.

Communion Hymn
#315, The Hymnal 1982

Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray

Words: William H. Turton
Music: Song1

- 1 Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray
that all thy Church might be for ever one,
grant us at every Eucharist to say
with longing heart and soul, "Thy will be done."
O may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.
- 2 For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
by drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;
thus may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.
- 3 So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall
cease, may we be one with all thy Church above,
one with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
one with thy saints in one unbounded love;
more blessed still, in peace and love to be
one with the Trinity in Unity.

Stand as able for

The Postcommunion Prayer

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Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion (for those joining worship remotely)

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Please be seated for

Psalm reader: Lois Sauer

The Stripping, Washing, and Anointing of the Altar

The stripping of all adornments from the altar recalls that moment after Jesus is arrested when his clothes are stripped away and a crown of thorns is placed upon his head; it symbolizes Christ's willing relinquishment of all power and dignity as he prepares to take on the sin and suffering of the world.

The washing and anointing of the altar with holy oil recalls the moment when Jesus's beloved friend Mary anoints his feet with a costly jar of nard as one would anoint a body for burial. It is a preparation for, and a foreshadowing of, his impending death.

The ministers depart, removing the reserved sacrament from the church (the body and blood of Christ), again, anticipating the death of Jesus on Good Friday.

The Congregation departs in silence.