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Opening Hymn “When You Woke That Thursday Morning”

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Invocation (stand)

Corporate Confession and Absolution

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Collect

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your Passion. 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; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Service of the Word

(Response: “Thanks be to God.”)

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 24:3-11

Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words that the Lord has spoken we will do.” And Moses wrote down all the words of the Lord. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the Lord. And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, “All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.” And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.” Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

Epistle Reading:

Hebrews 9:11-22

But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation, he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the one who made it must be established. For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, saying, “This is the blood of the covenant that

God commanded for you.” And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. Indeed, under the law almost every-thing is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

Special Music

“Glory Be to Jesus”

(sung by the children)

Holy Gospel (Stand)

Matthew 26:17-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 26th chapter:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?” He said, “Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’” And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover. When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. And as they were eating, he said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, “Is it I, Lord?” He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.” Judas, who would betray him, answered, “Is it I, Rabbi?” He said to him, “You have said so.” Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.” And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

(Inside back Cover of Hymnal)

Hymn

“Lord Jesus Christ, Life-giving Bread”

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Sermon

“The Third Commandment – Sacred Rest ”

Pastor Squire

Matthew 26:26-30

Hymn

**“God, the Lord, Gave His Command”
(Verses 1–3, sung during sermon)**

(Insert)

Prayers

Prayer Response: **“Lord, have mercy.”**

The Service of the Sacrament

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts!
C: **We life them to the Lord!**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!
C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise!**

The Lord's Prayer

(inside back cover of hymnal)

Words of Institution

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

C: **Amen!**

Hymn

"Agnus Dei-1"

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Lamb of God

Distribution Hymns

"Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior"

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"Now the Light has Gone Away"

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The Post-Communion Prayer

The Stripping of the Altar

Psalm 22 is chanted by Pastor Squire while the altar is stripped.

There is no benediction.

Please exit in silence.

Bulletin cover explanation:

John 19:14, "Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover."

On Calvary, Jesus embodies rather than speaks the words of the tradition (this is my body, this is my blood), and all who desire might partake by faith in flesh and blood of the True Lamb and so be gathered into the True Covenant people of God. THIS is the Feast of YHWH (Isaiah 25:6-9).

"Full of Eyes" Artist, Christopher Powers