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WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nancy Dawson

PRELUDE:

God So Loved the World

Stainer Nancy Dawson

CALL TO WORSHIP In Unison We gather tonight to remember the gift of bread and cup. We gather tonight to reflect with Jesus at prayer in the garden. We gather to recall the night on which Jesus was betrayed. We gather to remember the night that Christ gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him. By the grace of God we come to worship and bow down.

SCRIPTURE:

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-15

Nancy Dawson The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' "But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; or God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?". The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

CALL TO CONFESSION

When we don't live according to God's will we betray God. That rebellion began in the garden and continues today. God wanted to give us choice and took the risk knowing full well the outcome. God planned even before time began a way for our sins to be forgiven through Jesus Christ Our Lord. The gift and sacrifice we remember tonight means that those sins can be forgiven as we confess them to God. Please join me in the prayer of confession printed in your bulletin.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

We call on your name, O God, out of our desperate need for healing and forgiveness. We have broken covenant, forgotten who we are, and lived by our own conceits. We act as if we have no need of you when things go well. When suffering and loss come to us, we complain. Forgive us, God, for wanting the whole world to revolve around us. Restore in us the right Spirit we pray. Amen.

AGNUS DEI

Minister: Jesus, Lamb of God, Minister: Jesus, bearer of our sins, Minister: Jesus, redeemer of the world,

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

People: have mercy on us. People: have mercy on us. People: grant us your peace.

Gerald Doyle

Leader: God offers us the cup of salvation and the bread from heaven. We are precious in God's sight, worth saving from the judgment that we rightfully deserve. Our Lord, has forgiven us and reconciled us to God through Christ, our Lord.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are given a new covenant with God and with one another. We are accepted, we are loved, we are forgiven.

Leader: Our Lord has also promised us the power to forgive and love one another. Therefore, let us be reconciled with one another and extend to each other the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Brothers and sisters in Christ, I forgive you just as, in Christ, God has forgiven me. May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, in our words, and in our actions.

THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: Peace be with you.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 26:1-6. 14-16

When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, "You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified." Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, and they conspired to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. But they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What will you give me if I betray him to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

Hymn #223

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross verses 1,2,4

SCRIPTURE

Luke 22:7-16 Nancy Dawson Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it." They asked him, "Where do you want us to make preparations for it?" "Listen," he said to them, "when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters and say to the owner of the house, 'The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples? He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there." So they went and found every thing as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

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MEDITATION

HYMN #525

Let Us Break Bread Together Let us break bread together on our knees, (on our knees) Let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees) When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun. O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me) Let us drink wine together on our knees, (on our knees) Let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees) When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun. O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me) Let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees) Let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees) When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me) Let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees) Let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees) When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun. O Lord, have mercy if you please. (if you please)

The Sacrament of Lord's Supper Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you. Leader: Lift up your hearts. Leader: Let us give thank to the Lord our God. **and praise.** People: And also with you. People: We lift them up to the Lord. People: It is right to give our thanks

Words of Institution

Matthew 26:26-29

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from 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 never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

Lord's Prayer

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 debts, As we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Bread The Cup

Prayer after Communion (Unison)

God of grace, your Son, Jesus Christ gave us this holy meal of bread and wine. In it we remember the gift of his body and blood. May we, who have celebrated this sign of his great love, show in our lives the fruits of his redemption. We make our prayer in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Hymn #220

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 26:36 - 46

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 26:47-56

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him." At once he came up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you are here to do." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?" At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 26:57-66

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days." The high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?" They answered, "He deserves death."

ANTHEM

Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?

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