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## As We Gather

There has been much speculation about our Lord's last celebration of the Passover with His disciples, but the writers that God inspired to record the Gospels tell us everything we Christians need to know: "He took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. And likewise, the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood" (Luke 22:20). By His grace, that pouring out continues among us to this day as we receive His body and blood shed for the forgiveness of our sins.

## Prelude

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

C. S. Lang

## Opening Hymn

"When You Woke That Thursday Morning"

#445 sts. 1-3

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| 1 When You woke that Thursday morning,<br>Savior, teacher, faithful friend,<br>Thoughts of self and safety scorning,<br>Knowing how the day would end;<br>Lamb of God, foretold for ages,<br>Now at last the hour had come<br>When but One could pay sin's wages:<br>You assumed their dreadful sum. | 2 Never so alone and lonely,<br>Longing with tormented heart<br>To be with Your dear ones only<br>For a quiet hour apart:<br>Sinless Lamb and fallen creature,<br>One last paschal meal to eat, | One last lesson as their teacher,<br>Washing Your disciples' feet. | 3 What was there that You could give them<br>That would never be outspent,<br>What great gift that would outlive them,<br>What last will and testament?<br>"Show Me and the world you love Me,<br>Know Me as the Lamb of God:<br>Do this in remembrance of Me,<br>Eat this body, drink this blood." |
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## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Opening Sentences

*Psalm 43:4; 124:8*

**P** I will go to the altar of God,

**C** to God, my exceeding joy.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

## Confession and Absolution

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** for with the Lord is plenteous redemption and the forgiveness of all our sins.

**P** Let us then confess our sins unto our gracious Lord.

**C** Almighty God, Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have turned away from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand.

**We do repent, and are truly sorry for these our sins. Have mercy on us, kind Father, because of the obedience of our brother, Jesus Christ, Your Son. Forgive us all that is past and with the power of the Holy Spirit, move us to serve You faithfully. Set our feet on the new path of life, and build Your kingdom here through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**P** God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. In His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** God keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you to greater faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## ✠ WORD ✠

### Psalm

*Psalm 116:12–19*

**P** What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits to me?

**C I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,**

**P** I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people.

**C Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.**

**P** O LORD, I am Your servant; I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant.  
You have loosed my bonds.

**C I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.**

**P** I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people,

**C in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!**

**P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

**C As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits to me?**

**I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.**

### Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

**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.**

### Old Testament Reading

✠ The New Covenant ✠

*Jeremiah 31:31-34*

<sup>31</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup>not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

<sup>34</sup>And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **Anthem of Praise Duet**

"I Was in His Mind"

J. LaRowe

### **Epistle**

✠ The Full Assurance of Faith ✠

*Hebrews 10:15–25*

<sup>15</sup>The Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, <sup>16</sup>"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds," <sup>17</sup>then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." <sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **Holy Gospel**

✠ The Passover with the Disciples ✠

*Luke 22:7-20*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-second chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

**L** Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying,

**P** "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it."

**L** They said to Him, "Where will You have us prepare it?" He said to them,

**P** "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters and tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there."

**L** And they went and found it just as He had told them, and they prepared the Passover. And when the hour came, He reclined at table, and the apostles with Him. And He said to them,

**P** "I have earnestly 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."

**L** And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He said,

**P** "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

**L** And he took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying,

**P** "This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

**L** And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying,

**P** “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### Confession of Faith

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.

*The Apostles' Creed*

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.

### Sermon Hymn

“Not All the Blood of Beasts”

#431 sts. 1-2 & 5

1 Not all the blood of beasts  
On Jewish altars slain  
Could give the guilty conscience peace  
Or wash away the stain.

A sacrifice of nobler name  
And richer blood than they.

2 But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb,  
Takes all our sins away;

5 Believing, we rejoice  
To see the curse remove;  
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice  
And sing His bleeding love.

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## † Were You There? †

*A Sanctuary Drama by Gary Shank*

**Narrator**

**Vocal Duet**

“Were You There?”

#450 st. 1

**Mary, mother of Jesus**

**Religious Zealot**

**Peter**

**Vocal Duet**

“Were You There?”

#450, st. 2

**Centurion**

**Mocker**

**Mary Magdalene**

**Vocal Duet**

“Were You There?”

#450, st. 3

**Nicodemus**

**Narrator**

*(Remainder of Drama will be finished Easter Sunday)*



## Sermon Hymn

“O Perfect Life of Love”

#452 sts. 1-5

- 1 O perfect life of love!  
All, all, is finished now,  
All that He left His throne above  
To do for us below.
- 2 No work is left undone  
Of all the Father willed;  
His toil, His sorrows, one by one,  
The Scriptures have fulfilled.
- 3 No pain that we can share  
But He has felt its smart;  
All forms of human grief and care  
Have pierced that tender heart.
- 4 And on His thorn-crowned head  
And on His sinless soul  
Our sins in all their guilt were laid  
That He might make us whole.
- 5 In perfect love He dies;  
For me He dies, for me.  
O all-atoning Sacrifice,  
I cling by faith to Thee.

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## Prayer of the Church

**Offering**—*may be left in the offering plates near the doors as you leave. Those worshipping at home may continue to mail or drop off offerings at the church office, and on-line giving is available to everyone on our website at [www.stpauloaklawn.org](http://www.stpauloaklawn.org). For information about regular electronic giving, please contact the church office.*

## Offertory Meditation

✠ SERVICE of the SACRAMENT ✠

### Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

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

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

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### Proper Preface

### Lord's Prayer

**C** Our Father who art in heaven...

### Words of Our Lord

### Pax Domini

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

**C** Amen.

## ✠ DISTRIBUTION of the SACRAMENT ✠

### Hymn

“Jesus Comes Today with Healing”

#620 sts. 1-4

1 Jesus comes today with healing,  
Knocking at my door, appealing,  
Off’ring pardon, grace, and peace.  
He Himself makes preparation,  
And I hear His invitation:  
“Come and taste the blessed feast.”

3 Under bread and wine, though lowly,  
I receive the Savior holy,  
Blood and body, giv’n for me,  
Very Lamb of God from heaven,  
Who to bitter death was given,  
Hung upon the cursed tree.

2 Christ Himself, the priest presiding,  
Yet in bread and wine abiding  
In this holy sacrament,  
Gives the bread of life, once broken,  
And the cup, the precious token  
Of His sacred covenant.

4 God descends with heav’nly power,  
Gives Himself to me this hour  
In this ordinary sign.  
On my tongue His pledge receiving,  
I accept His grace, believing  
That I taste His love divine.

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### Hymn

“O Jesus Blessed Lord to Thee”

#632

1 O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee  
My heartfelt thanks forever be,  
Who hast so lovingly bestowed  
On me Thy body and Thy blood.

2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:  
What wealth is come to me this day!  
My Savior dwells within my heart:  
How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

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Mason, 1851–1928  
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### Communion Blessing

**P** The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Let us pray. Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You have poured out upon us Your never-ending love by giving Your Son, Jesus Christ, into death for us. Nourish Your Church through the Sacrament of His body and blood. Strengthen us so that we may continue to proclaim Him who gives life to the world; for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Stripping of the Altar

**Closing Hymn**

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

#450. sts. 1-4

- 1 O sacred Head, now wounded,  
With grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded  
With thorns, Thine only crown.  
O sacred Head, what glory,  
What bliss, till now was Thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory,  
I joy to call Thee mine.
- 2 How pale Thou art with anguish,  
With sore abuse and scorn!  
How doth Thy face now languish  
That once was bright as morn!  
Grim death, with cruel rigor,  
Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;  
Thus Thou hast lost Thy vigor,  
Thy strength, in this sad strife.
- 3 What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered  
Was all for sinners' gain;  
Mine, mine was the transgression,  
But Thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!  
'Tis I deserve Thy place;  
Look on me with Thy favor,  
And grant to me Thy grace.
- 4 My Shepherd, now receive me;  
My Guardian, own me Thine.  
Great blessings Thou didst give me,  
O Source of gifts divine.  
Thy lips have often fed me  
With words of truth and love;  
Thy Spirit oft hath led me  
To heav'nly joys above.

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**Benediction**

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

**C** Amen.

**Postlude**

"Postlude in G Major"

J. Walther

<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
 Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?  
<sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,  
 and by night, but I find no rest.  
<sup>3</sup>Yet you are holy,  
 enthroned on the praises of Israel.  
<sup>4</sup>In you our fathers trusted;  
 they trusted, and you delivered them.  
<sup>5</sup>To you they cried and were rescued;  
 in you they trusted and were not put to shame.  
<sup>6</sup>But I am a worm and not a man,  
 scorned by mankind and despised by the people.  
<sup>7</sup>All who see me mock me;  
 they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;  
<sup>8</sup>"He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;  
 let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"  
<sup>9</sup>Yet you are he who took me from the womb;  
 you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.  
<sup>10</sup>On you was I cast from my birth,  
 and from my mother's womb you have been my God.  
<sup>11</sup>Be not far from me, for trouble is near,  
 and there is none to help.  
<sup>12</sup>Many bulls encompass me;  
 strong bulls of Bashan surround me;  
<sup>13</sup>they open wide their mouths at me,  
 like a ravening and roaring lion.  
<sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water,  
 and all my bones are out of joint;  
 my heart is like wax;  
 it is melted within my breast;  
<sup>15</sup>my strength is dried up like a potsherd,  
 and my tongue sticks to my jaws;  
 you lay me in the dust of death.  
<sup>16</sup>For dogs encompass me;  
 a company of evildoers encircles me;  
 they have pierced my hands and feet—  
<sup>17</sup>I can count all my bones—  
 they stare and gloat over me;

<sup>18</sup>they divide my garments among them,  
 and for my clothing they cast lots.  
<sup>19</sup>But you, O LORD, do not be far off!  
 O you my help, come quickly to my aid!  
<sup>20</sup>Deliver my soul from the sword,  
 my precious life from the power of the dog!  
<sup>21</sup>Save me from the mouth of the lion!  
 You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!  
<sup>22</sup>I will tell of your name to my brothers;  
 in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:  
<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, praise him!  
 All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,  
 and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!  
<sup>24</sup>For he has not despised or abhorred  
 the affliction of the afflicted,  
 and he has not hidden his face from him,  
 but has heard, when he cried to him.  
<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
 my vows I will perform before those who fear him.  
<sup>26</sup>The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;  
 those who seek him shall praise the LORD!  
 May your hearts live forever!  
<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember  
 and turn to the LORD,  
 and all the families of the nations  
 shall worship before you.  
<sup>28</sup>For kingship belongs to the LORD,  
 and he rules over the nations.  
<sup>29</sup>All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;  
 before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
 even the one who could not keep himself alive.  
<sup>30</sup>Posterity shall serve him;  
 it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;  
<sup>31</sup>they shall come and proclaim his righteousness  
 to a people yet unborn,  
 that he has done it.



# ✠ Were You There? ✠

*A Sanctuary Drama by Gary Shank*

	<b><i>Morning Service</i></b>	<b><i>Evening Service</i></b>
<b>Narrator</b>	Pastor John Moeller	Pastor John Moeller
<b>Mary, mother of Jesus</b>	Clarisse Rose	Clarisse Rose
<b>Religious Zealot</b>	Mike Will	Chris Caban
<b>Peter</b>	Ben Kumke	Ben Kumke
<b>Centurion</b>	George Oberg	George Oberg
<b>Mocker</b>	Debbie Will	Julie Andrist
<b>Mary Magdalene</b>	Cathy Kumke	Cathy Kumke
<b>Nicodemus</b>	David Witkosky	David Witkosky

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