

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, May 28, 2017

The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said,
“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

John 1:29

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 26 (p. 792)

Hymn of Preparation*

Hymn 116 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Almighty and eternal God and Father, we confess that we again have sinned against you by breaking your commandments.

All: We have not loved you with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Leader: Forgive us, we pray, and grant us repentant hearts. Cause us to keep in step with the Holy Spirit and to live according to your revealed will. Help us to do good to everyone, and especially those who are of the household of faith.

All: Give us a growing desire to joyfully serve you and one another as we follow after our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah 53:4-6

“Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Exodus 12:1-42

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 543 “Around the Throne of God”

Confession of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed (p. 845)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended into hell;

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

Tithes and Offerings

Gloria Patri*

Hymn 735

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen, amen.

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 WORD AND SACRAMENT

Second Reading*

Exodus 24

Psalm of the Month (based on Psalm 24) Hymn 68 “The Earth, with All That Dwell Therein”

Pastoral Prayer (based on Psalm 32)

Sermon “The First Lord’s Supper” Pastor Ben Muresan
Mark 14:12-25

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper Hymn 247 “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving* Hymn 307 “Nothing but the Blood”

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

May the peace of God, our heav’nly Father,
And the grace of Christ, the risen Son,
And the fellowship of God, the Spirit
Keep our hearts and minds within his love.

REFRAIN

And to him be praise for his glorious reign;
From the depths of earth to the heights of heaven
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—
Christ eternal, the King of kings.

May this peace which passes understanding,
And this grace which makes us what we are,
And this fellowship of his communion,
Make us one in spirit and in heart.

LORD’S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

The Lord’s Supper receives its name from the Apostle Paul’s explanation of the sacrament in 1 Corinthians 11:20. Our Lord instituted this meal when he gathered his disciples for the Passover. He did this on purpose to show that the Passover would soon be fulfilled and this new meal would take its place. Before Jesus’ death and resurrection, the exodus from Egypt was the most important redemptive-historical event in Israel’s history and was marked by the celebration of the Passover. By instituting the Lord’s Supper on Passover, Jesus was demonstrating that the cross would now be the most important redemptive-historical event for his Church. The Lord’s Supper is the Christian Passover meal. The Lord’s Supper is our consistent reminder that Christ, our Passover Lamb—the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world—has been slain (1 Cor. 5:7; John 1:29).

The reading is 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.

Questions:

1. Read Mark 14:12-17. What is significant about the way in which Jesus makes preparation for the celebration of the Passover?
2. What is surprising about the Disciples’ reaction to Jesus’ statement in Mark 14:18-21? What is the significance of the phrase “as it is written of him” in verse 21? How do these verses demonstrate the reality of divine sovereignty and human responsibility?
3. Discuss the meaning of Mark 14:24. What do Jesus’ words indicate about the efficacy of his substitutionary death?
4. What is Jesus referring to in Mark 14:25? What hope does this give us?
5. Read and discuss each section of *Westminster Confession of Faith* chapter 29 (The Lord’s Supper). What wrong views of the Lord’s Supper does the *Confession* expose? How does it explain Christ’s presence in the elements?