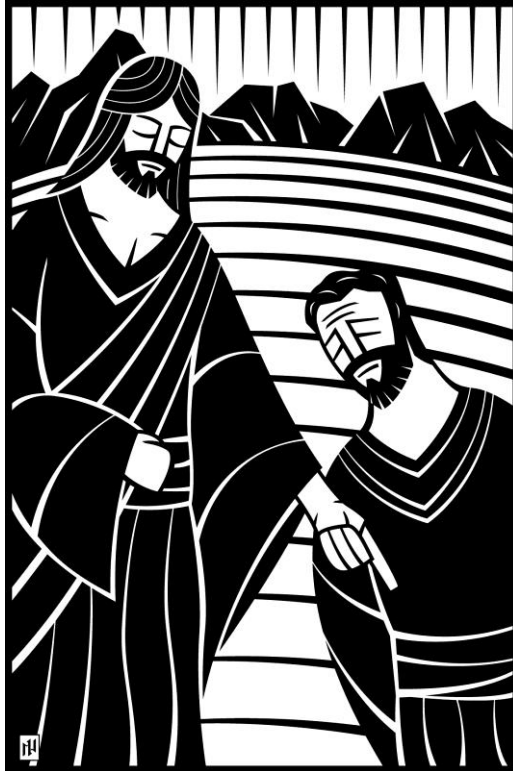


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The Glory of God is the Passion and Cross of Christ Jesus

After St. Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, our Lord “began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priest and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life” (Matthew 16:21). Upon hearing this “theology of the cross,” Simon Peter stumbled into a satanic “theology of glory.” But the glory of God is revealed in the Passion and cross of his incarnate Son.

The faithful prophets, such as Jeremiah, suffered persecution and rejection in anticipation of Jesus’ cross. Yet the Lord did not abandon them; he remembered them, and he was with them to deliver them. By his cross Jesus has redeemed the world, and in his resurrection he has vindicated all who trust in him. Thus the Christian life is a discipleship of self-sacrificing love. By the certainty of Jesus’ suffering, death, and resurrection, we rejoice in hope and are patient in tribulation.

✚ COMMON SERVICE ✚

THE PREPARATION

(Job 11:13-15; Psalm 25; Isaiah 40:3-5; Hebrews 4:16)

OPENING HYMN

466 *"Though Thoughtless Thousands Choose"*



1 Though thought - less thou - sands choose the road
2 In Christ, by faith, I wish to live,
3 Christ is my ev - er - last - ing all.
4 Soon will the Lord, my life, ap - pear;
5 Soon will the saints in glo - ry meet,



That leads the soul a - way from God,
From him my life, my all, re - ceive,
To him I look; on him I call;
Soon shall I end my tri - als here,
Soon walk through ev - 'ry gold - en street



This hap - pi - ness, dear Lord, be mine:
To him de - vote my fleet - ing hours,
He will my ev - 'ry want sup - ply
Leave sin and sor - row, death and pain.
And sing on ev - 'ry bliss - ful plain,



To live and die en - tire - ly thine.
Serve him a - lone with all my pow'rs.
In time and through e - ter - ni - ty.
To live is Christ; to die is gain.
"To live is Christ; to die is gain."

INVOCATION (Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

** Please stand.*

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS (1 John 1:8-9)

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

** Please remain silent for reflection on God's Word and for repentant self-examination.*

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

KYRIE – LORD, HAVE MERCY (Mark 10:47; Luke 17:12-13)



The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the text: 'C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line: 'on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.' The lyrics are written below the notes.

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

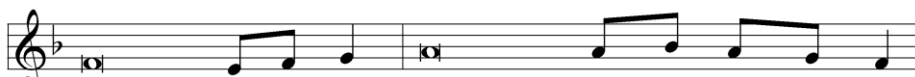
HOLY ABSOLUTION (John 20:19-23)

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS – GLORY TO GOD (Luke 2:14; John 1:29)

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



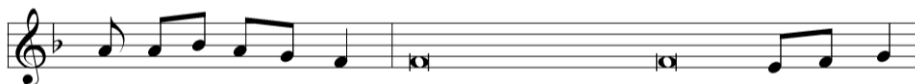
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION (Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22)

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Philippians 4:6; Matthew 18:19-20)

M: Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

** Please be seated.*

THE WORD

(Romans 10:17; Acts 2:42; 2 Timothy 3:16,17)

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 15:15-21

** After the reading of the Lesson:*

M: The Word of Our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 121

** Pastor will speak the initial refrain, and then the first half of each Psalm verse.*

The congregation will respond with the second half of each verse, and join Pastor in the other refrains.

M: Keep me, keep me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me, hide me in the shadow of your wings.

M: I lift up my eyes to the hills.

C: Where does my help come from?

M: My help comes from the LORD,

C: the maker of heaven and earth.

M: He will not let your foot slip,
C: **he who watches over you will not slumber;**

M: indeed, he who watches over Israel
C: **will neither slumber nor sleep.**

All: **Keep me, keep me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me, hide me in the shadow of your wings.**

M: The LORD watches over you,
C: **the LORD is your shade at your right hand.**

M: The LORD will keep you from all harm,
C: **he will watch over your life;**

M: the LORD will watch over your coming and going
C: **both now and forevermore.**

All: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

All: **Keep me, keep me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me, hide me in the shadow of your wings.**

SECOND LESSON Romans 12:1-8

** After the reading of the Lesson:*

M: The Word of Our Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God!**

VERSE OF THE DAY Jeremiah 15:16 (Psalm 150; Revelation 19)

M: Alleluia. "Your words became a joy to me, and the delight of my heart." Alleluia.



* *The pastor processes to the nave floor for the reading of the Gospel, symbolizing Christ's presence among us in his Word.*

GOSPEL OF THE DAY Matthew 16:21-26

* *Please stand.*

M: The Holy Gospel for Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, according to St. Matthew, chapter sixteen.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord!

* *After the reading of the Gospel:*

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

* *Please be seated.*

HYMN OF THE DAY 465 "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken"



1 Je - sus, I my cross have tak - en,
2 Let the world de - spise and leave me;
3 Go, then, earth - ly fame and trea - sure!
4 Haste, my soul, from grace to glo - ry,



All to leave and fol - low you. Des - ti -
They have left my Sav - ior, too. Hu - man
Come, dis - as - ter, scorn, and pain! In your
Armed by faith and winged by prayer. All but



tute, de - spised, for - sak - en, You on
hearts and looks de - ceive me; You are
ser - vice pain is plea - sure; With your
heav'n is tran - si - to - ry; God's own

earth once suf - fered, too. Per - ish ev - 'ry
 not, like them, un - true. And since you have
 fa - vor loss is gain. I have called you
 hand shall guide you there. Soon shall end this

fond am - bi - tion, All I've ev - er
 smiled up - on me, God of wis - dom,
 Ab - ba, Fa - ther! You my all in
 earth - ly sto - ry; Swift shall pass the

hoped or known; Yet how rich is my con -
 love, and might, Foes may hate and friends may
 all shall be. Storms may howl, and clouds may
 pil - grim days, Hope soon change to heav'n - ly

di - tion! God and heav'n are still my own.
 shun me— Show your face, and all is bright.
 gath - er; All must work for good to me.
 glo - ry, Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

SERMON

Matthew 16:21-26

NICENE CREED (Romans 10:9-10; Philippians 2:10-11)

* Please stand.

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the

Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

** Please be seated.*

OFFERTORY MUSIC 431 *"I Walk in Danger All the Way"*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH – *SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST* (1 Timothy 2:1-6; Ephesians 6:18)

** Please remain seated.*

LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)

C: 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 forever and ever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

(Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; 1 Corinthians 11)

PREFACES

** Please stand.*

M: The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22; 2 Thessalonians 3:16)

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts. (Colossians 3:1; Lamentations 3:41)

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. (Psalm 107:1; Psalm 136)

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

SANCTUS – HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -

na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -

na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-24)

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

PAX DOMINI – THE PEACE OF THE LORD (John 20:19)

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

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI – O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (John 1:29; Isaiah 53:7)



The musical score for 'Agnus Dei' is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and pastoral, using mostly quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line after the word 'men.'.

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

* Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION (1 Corinthians 11:26)

Personal Prayer before Holy Communion

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC 309 *"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"*
 315 *"Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face"*

Personal Prayer after Holy Communion

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS – SONG OF SIMEON (Luke 2:29-32)

* Please stand.

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing

to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-

pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the

Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

THANKSGIVING (Psalm 118:1)

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

AARONIC BENEDICTION (Numbers 6:24-26)

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

** Please be seated.*

CLOSING HYMN

428 vv 1,4 "Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me"



1 Why should cross and tri - al grieve me?
4 Since I know God nev - er fails me,



Christ is near With his cheer; Nev - er
In his voice I'll re - joice When grim



will death he leave me. Who can rob me
death as - sails me. Trust - ing in my



of the heav - en That God's Son For
Sav - ior's mer - it, Safe at last, Trou -



me won When his life was giv - en?
bles past, I shall heav'n in - her - it.





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Personal Prayer for after Worship

Good Shepherd, I was glad to be here, gathered with your flock to worship you. Cause the Word I have heard to take root in my heart and bear fruit in my life. Guide me in paths of righteousness, that my words and actions might lead others to glorify you. In your Name, I pray. Amen.

Special thanks to: Amy Hermanson for serving as cantor, Isaiah Johnston for recording the video of the service, and Ben Leyrer for playing the music.

Offering: If you have an offering, you can place it in the box in the narthex, mail it to the church, or give online via the link on our church website. Thank you for your financial support of our congregation.

“About the Propers,” a document explaining the changeable parts of the service, and ***“The Congregation at Prayer,”*** a document offering suggestions for daily devotions and Scripture readings are posted on our website.

Thank you for joining us as we together worshiped our Triune God. The Lord be with you this week!

Please contact Pastor Berg if you are need of any pastoral care during the week.

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