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The simple, unadorned cross reminds us of God the Son's climactic act of service for humanity. He allowed his arms to be stretched out on the cross bar, and with his feet they were nailed to the tree. Thus he voluntarily gave himself up to death for the sins of his people. Paul tells us that the Gospel is "the message of the cross...to us who are being saved is the power of God" (1 Co 1:18).

The color used in the sanctuary in anticipation of Easter is purple or violet. These colors symbolize both the pain and suffering leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus as well as the suffering of humanity and the world under sin. But purple is also the color of royalty, and so anticipates through the suffering and death of Jesus the coming resurrection and hope of newness that will be celebrated in the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

LORD's Day Service - March 17, 2019

Preparation for Worship: *Psalm 114:*7

Welcome, Announcements & Catechism Review

Entrance - God Call Us; we gather together and praise Him

* Call to Worship Psalm 99:1-5

Pastor: Grace to you and peace, in the name of the Father, and of the

Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen!

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

* *Hymn of Praise* Psalter, #77B (3 vs; stanza 8 of 77B; 9-13 of 77C)

O God, Most Holy Is Thy Way

Let us pray: O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word, Jesus Christ Your Son; Who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen!

New Testament Lesson
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

<u>Purification - God Cleanses Us; we confess our sins to Him</u> <u>and are forgiven in Christ</u>

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us kneel before the Lord our God. (Those unable to kneel may be seated.)

God of love, it is Your will that we should love You with heart, soul, mind, strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, but we are not sufficient for these things. We confess that our affections continually turn away from You: from purity to lust, from freedom to slavery, from compassion to indifference, from fullness to emptiness. Have mercy on us. Order our lives by Your holy Word, and make Your commandments the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of Your loving Son, Jesus, that we may shine before the world to Your glory. Amen!

(Silent, personal confession of sin)

Now lift up your heads, arise, and hear the good news! Brothers and sisters, your sins are forgiven and your lives are rescued in our Lord Jesus Christ. Believe this and rejoice! And the people say...

Thanks be to God! Our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. AMEN!

<u>Ascension – God Consecrates Us; we listen to Him</u> and offer our works and lives to Him

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is proper and right to do so!

It is right and joyful, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord; Who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By His grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for Him Who died for us and rose again. Therefore, we praise You, joining our voices with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven and the church on earth, to proclaim the glory of Your Name, singing...

*The Sanctus

(inside hymnal or psalter cover)

*Hymn of Preparation

Insert: Psalm 114A
When Isr'el Went Forth

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 114

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

* Gospel Lesson

Mark 4:35 – 5:20

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

Praise to You, O Christ!

Creedal Confession Insert: Patrick's Lorica

Sermon

"The Great Earth-shaking March of God"

* Hymn of Consecration

Insert: Psalm 114B
When from Egypt Isr'el Parted

* Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Prayers of the Church

Requests & Lord's Prayer

Peace - God Communes with Us; we eat at His table

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Matthew 26:26-30

We Confess Our Faith in the Triune. Incarnate God

Creed (inside hymnal cover)

* Hymn of Thanksgiving

Psalter, #105D When Israel to Egypt Came

(3 vs: stanza 14 of 105D; 18-22 of 105E)

Benediction - God Commissions & Blesses Us; we march out to serve Him

* The Lord's Commission of Us

2 Corinthians 5:10-11a

* We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us

2 Corinthians 13:14

* We Bless the Lord, Lifting Our Hands and Voices to Him

Gloria Patri

* Threefold Amen

LORD'S SUPPER

We observe Communion, or the Lord's Supper, weekly in our midst.

We believe it is worthily received by those who:

- 1. Have been baptized in the name of the Triune God (Matt 28:18-20);
- 2. Do profess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel (Ro 10:9-10);
- 3. Do live in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit and endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Jesus Christ (Gal 5:16-26); and
- 4. Are communing members in good standing in an evangelical church (1 Cor 10:1-6)

If these things are all true, we rejoice with you and invite you to commune with us at the Lord's Supper. If any of these are not true of you, we ask that you refrain. We invite you to speak to one of the Elders if you have doubts or questions regarding any of these beliefs, or if you are interested in learning more about Trinity.

Though collections are not ordinarily taken during a service, giving is a vital element of worship. Tithes and offerings may be placed in the basket at the rear of the church. (2 Corinthians 9:6-11)

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