Cross of Christ and Cannon River Lutheran Churches

Faithful Through Generations April 3, 2022

Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new

person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

Organist: Jeff Rudi **PRELUDE**

Welcome and Announcements

OPENING HYMN

"Abide with Me" (Verses 1-3)

ELW #629

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage. C: Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Holy One, we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.

L: Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love. C: Amen.

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the wellbeing of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. C: Amen, amen.

L: The Lord be with you. And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING (Bulletin Insert)

Isaiah 43:16-21

*The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING (Bulletin Insert)

Philippians 3:4b-14

*The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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C: Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord. Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.

THE GOSPEL

John 12:1-8

*The holy gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was

one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

*The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON " Pastor Dan Nordin

HYMN OF THE DAY "O Day Full of Grace" (Ve

(Verses 1-3)

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*THE APOSTLE'S CREED: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again 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.

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.)

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ELW p.107

L: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*THE PREFACE

*THE SANCTUS

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Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

^{*}The Peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*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 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.

LAMB OF GOD ELW p. 112

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*L: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

*BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

ELW#623

*L: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE (*Please Stand)