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ORGAN PRELUDE: "Ah, Holy Jesus" (Cruger)

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INTRODUCTION

HOLY VESSELS THEME SONG: "Threshold"

Vessels, holy and whole, Broken, needing the One Open, body and soul, Healer, come.

FIRST READING: COMMISSION

Matthew 10:1-8 (Inclusive Bible)

Jesus summoned the Twelve, and gave them authority to expel unclean spirits and heal sickness and diseases of all kinds. These are the names of the twelve apostles: the first were Simon, nicknamed Peter—that is, "Rock"—and his brother Andrew; then James, ben-Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas; Matthew, the tax collector; James, ben-Alphaeus; Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot; and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus. These twelve Jesus sent out after giving them the following instructions: "Don't visit Gentile regions, and don't enter a Samaritan town. Go instead to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: 'The reign of heaven has drawn near.' Heal those who are sick, raise the dead, cure leprosy, expel demons. You received freely—now freely give."

SECOND READING: THE FIRST COMMANDMENT

Matthew 22:34-40 (CEB)

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had left the Sadducees speechless, they met together. One of them, a legal expert, tested him. "Teacher, what is the greatest commandment in the Law?" He replied, "You must love God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: You must love your neighbor as you love yourself. All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands."

HYMN: "The Servant Song" TFWS 2222

THIRD READING: THE PLOT TO KILL JESUS

Matthew 26:1-5 (Inclusive Bible)

Jesus now finished all he had to say, and he told the disciples, "Passover starts in two days, and the Chosen One will be handed over to be crucified." Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, Caiaphas. They planned to arrest Jesus under some pretext and execute him—"But not during the Festival," they agreed, "or we might have a riot on our hands."

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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FOURTH READING: JESUS IS ANOINTED

Matthew 26:6-13 (Inclusive Bible)

Now when Jesus was in Bethany, at the house of Simon, who had leprosy, a woman approached Jesus with an alabaster jar of very expensive ointment. She poured it on his head while he reclined at the table. The disciples, witnessing this, were indignant. "What a waste!" they said. "This could have been sold at a high price, and the money given to needier people." Jesus, aware of their concern, said, "Why do you upset the woman? She has done me a good deed. You'll always have poor people with you, but you won't always have me. When she poured the oil on my body, she was preparing me for burial. The truth is, wherever the Good News is proclaimed in the world, she will be remembered for what she has done for me."

THE FIRST ANOINTING: EXTRAVAGANT LOVE

HYMN: "What Wondrous Love is This"

UMH 292 vs. 1

FIFTH READING: PREPARATION FOR THE FEAST

Matthew 26:14-19 (Inclusive Bible)

One of the Twelve, the one named Judas Iscariot, went off to the chief priests and said, "What are you willing to give me if I hand Jesus over to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he looked for an opportunity to betray Jesus. On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came up to Jesus and said, "Where do you want us to prepare the Passover for you?" Jesus told them to go to a certain person in the city and say, "The Teacher says, 'My appointed time draws near. I am to celebrate the Passover in your house.'" The disciples did as Jesus ordered and prepared the Passover supper.

THE SECOND ANOINTING: CALLED TO SERVE

SIXTH READING: THE SUPPER

Matthew 26:20-29 (Inclusive Bible)

When it grew dark, he reclined at the table with the Twelve. And while they were eating he said, "The truth is, one of you is about to betray me." They were greatly distressed and started asking him in turn, "Surely, it is not I, Teacher?" Jesus replied, "The one who has dipped his hand into the dish with me is the one who will hand me over. The Chosen One will go as the scriptures foretold —but woe to the one by whom the Chosen One is betrayed! It would be better for that one never to have been born at all." Then Judas, who was betraying Jesus, said, "Surely it is not I, Rabbi?" Jesus answered, "You have said it yourself." During the meal Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to the disciples. "Take this and eat it," Jesus said. "This is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them. "Drink from it, all of you," he said. "This is my

blood, the blood of the Covenant, which will be poured out on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins. The truth is, I will not drink this fruit of the vine again until the day when I drink it anew with you in my Abba's kindom."

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

May God be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to our God.

Let us give thanks to God our Creator. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HYMN OF THE MEAL: "Eat This Bread and Never Hunger"

URW # 122 vs. 1

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

HYMN OF THE MEAL: "Eat This Bread and Never Hunger"

URW # 122 vs. 2

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith. Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

...Through Jesus our Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is Yours, creator God, now and forever. Amen.

PARTAKE IN THE SACRAMENT

HYMN OF THE MEAL: "Eat This Bread and Never Hunger"

URW # 122 vs. 3

SEVENTH READING: PREDICTIONS

Matthew 26:30-35 (Inclusive Bible)

Then, after singing the Hallel, they walked out to the Mount of Olives. Jesus then said to them, "Tonight you will all fall away because of me, for scripture says, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I have been raised, I will go to Galilee ahead of you." Peter responded, "Though all may fall away because of you, I never will!" Jesus replied, "The truth is, before the cock crows tonight, you will deny me three times." Peter said, "Even if I must die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same.

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EIGHTH READING: JESUS PRAYS IN GETHSEMANE

Matthew 26:36-41 (Inclusive Bible)

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane and said to the disciples, "Stay here while I go over there and pray." Jesus took along Peter, James and John and started to feel grief and anguish. Then he said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death. Please, stay here, and stay awake with me." Jesus went on a little further and fell prostrate in prayer: "Abba, if it is possible, let this cup pass me by. But not what I want—what you want."

When Jesus returned to the disciples, he found them asleep. He said to Peter, "Couldn't you stay awake with me for even an hour? Be on guard, and pray that you may not undergo trial. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."

PRAYERS IN THE NIGHT

NINTH READING: JESUS PRAYS IN GETHSEMANE

Matthew 26:42-56 (Inclusive Bible)

Withdrawing a second time, Jesus prayed, "Abba, if this cup cannot pass me by without my drinking it, your will be done!" Once more Jesus returned and found the disciples asleep; they could not keep their eyes open. Jesus left them again, withdrew somewhat and prayed for a third time, saying the same words as before. Finally Jesus returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping? Still taking your rest? The hour is upon us—the Chosen One is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up! Let us be on our way! Look, my betrayer is here." While Jesus was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve arrived—accompanied by a great crowd with swords and clubs. They had been sent by the chief priests and elders of the people. Judas had arranged to give them a signal. "Whomever I embrace is the one," he had said; "take hold of him." He immediately went over to Jesus and said, "Shalom, Rabbi!" and embraced him. Jesus said to Judas, "Friend, just do what you're here to do!" At that moment, the crowd surrounded them, laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those who accompanied Jesus drew a sword and slashed at the high priest's attendant, cutting off an ear. Jesus said, "Put your sword back where it belongs. Those who live by the sword die by the sword. Don't you think I can call on my Abba God to provide over twelve legions of angels at a moment's notice? But then how would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen this way?" Then Jesus said to the crowd, "Am I a robber, that you have come armed with swords and clubs to arrest me? Every day I sat teaching in the Temple precincts, yet you never arrested me." All this happened in fulfillment of the writings of the prophets. Then all the disciples deserted Jesus and fled.

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TENTH READING: JESUS BEFORE THE HIGH PRIEST

Matthew 26:57-68 (Inclusive Bible)

Those who had seized Jesus led him off to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the religious scholars and elders had convened. Peter followed at a distance as far as the high priest's residence. Going inside, Peter sat down with the guards to await the outcome. The chief priests, with the whole Sanhedrin, were busy trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus, so that they might put him to death. They discovered none, despite the many false witnesses who took the stand. Finally two came forward who stated, "This man has declared, 'I can destroy God's sanctuary and rebuild it in three days.'" The high priest rose and addressed Jesus, "Have you no answer? What about this testimony leveled against you?" But Jesus remained silent. The high priest then said to him, "I order you to tell us under oath, before the living God, whether or not you are the Messiah, the Firstborn of God?" "You have said it yourself," Jesus replied. "But I tell you: soon you will see the Chosen One seated at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven." At this, the high priest tore his robes and said, "Blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? You yourselves have heard the blasphemy. What is your verdict?" They responded, "He deserves death!" Then they spat at his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped Jesus, saying, "Play the prophet for us, Messiah! Who struck you?"

ELEVENTH READING: PETER'S DENIAL OF JESUS

Matthew 26:69-75 (Inclusive Bible)

While this was happening, Peter was sitting in the courtyard. One of the attendants came over and said, "You were with Jesus the Galilean too, weren't you?" But Peter denied it in front of

everyone. He said, "I don't know what you're talking about!" When Peter went out to the gate, another attendant saw him and said to those nearby, "This one was with Jesus of Nazareth." Again he cursed and denied it: "I don't know him!" A little while later, some bystanders came over to Peter and said, "You certainly are one of them! Even your accent gives you away!" At that, Peter began cursing and swore, "I don't know the man!" Just then a rooster began to crow, and Peter remembered the prediction Jesus had made: "Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." Peter went out and cried bitterly.

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[We end in silence.]

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Holy Week and Easter Services: Healed and Still Healing

We will continue this service tomorrow with **Good Friday worship at 7pm on Friday, April 2nd**. Here is the link for the Good Friday Service. Meeting ID: 861 1349 4972; Passcode: 489963

You are invited to **have the same items with you as you join for the Good Friday worship; oil -- it can be any oil you have at home -- coconut oil, olive oil, essential oil or any other oil of your choice (if you don't have oil, use lotion), and one or more candles. We hope to create darkness, so turn off the lights in your home, if you can, and just have the candle/s lit around you.**

We spend the Saturday, which is also known as 'Holy Saturday' in silence and meditation as we prepare to celebrate the joy of Easter with loud Alleluias! Rev. Alka will lead a **short SONrise service from the lake on Easter Sunday morning at 6:15am**. Here is the link for the Easter SONrise service. Meeting ID: 810 6544 0729; Passcode: 552103.

Our regular worship service will be at 11am with the same zoom link as every Sunday. Here is the link for the Easter Festival Service at 11am. Meeting ID: 489 148 569; Password: 290727.

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Lenten Devotional

This Lenten devotional (curated by Lydia Marchese) has been prepared and shared with us by "The Inclusive Collective," (IC) the campus ministry at the University of Illinois at Chicago and Northern Illinois University. We invite you to use this as your daily devotion, or in addition to what you have already been using. We are grateful to the Inclusive Collective for sharing this with us.

Good Friday Walk for Justice

Join the VIRTUAL Walk for Justice! This Good Friday (April 2, 2021), our collective community remembers that we belong to each other. We believe we

> have the power to rise up together and lean into the strength of our foundational bonds of justice for all. We have the power to roll away stones of white supremacy, greed, and state violence. As we roll the stones away, we commit to co-create systems in which resources are shared, allowing our imaginations to generate radically new ways of living and thriving in a more just society. We believe that the stone of injustice will be rolled away in our rejection of the status

quo. As Easter people we recommit ourselves to choose

actions of transformation. Together we pledge our efforts to bring about greater justice for all peoples and Earth itself. Even though we cannot gather in person this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we encourage you to pray this modern-day Way-of-the-Cross in the safety of your homes with members of your household. A video recording of the Station Prayers will be available if you want to pray along with a group. Please send your email address to nancyjones193@gmail.com so we can keep you in the loop about next year's Good Friday Walk for Justice, hopefully downtown! In Gratitude, The 41st Anniversary Good Friday Walk for Justice Planning Committee

CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE FOR ALL PEOPLE

We are black, brown, red, yellow, white, and all the colors of God's created rainbow. We are lesbian, gay, bisexual, asexual, and straight. We are transgender, intersex, female, male, gender fluid. We are queer. We are questioning. We are every age. We are every ability. We are every economic & theological location. We are YOU.

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