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What a Servant We Have in Jesus

PREPARATION

Invocation and Call to Worship

P As the disciples gathered together with Jesus in an upper room, we now gather together in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,

C **Who stand by night in the house of the Lord. (Psalm 134:1)**

P The Lord redeems the life of his servants;

C **None of those who take refuge in him will be condemned. (Psalm 34:22)**

P For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,

C **And to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45)**

P Having loved his own who were in the world,

C **He loved them to the end. (John 13:1)**

P What a friend we have in Jesus

C **All our sins and griefs to bear!**

445 When You Woke That Thursday Morning

- 1 When You woke that Thursday morning, Savior, teacher, faithful friend,
Thoughts of self and safety scorning, Knowing how the day would end;
Lamb of God, foretold for ages, Now at last the hour had come
When but One could pay sin’s wages: You assumed their dreadful sum.
- 2 Never so alone and lonely, Longing with tormented heart
To be with Your dear ones only, For a quiet hour apart:
Sinless Lamb and fallen creature, One last paschal meal to eat,
One last lesson as their teacher, Washing Your disciples’ feet.
- 3 What was there that You could give them, That would never be outspent,
What great gift that would outlive them, What last will and testament?
“Show Me and the world you love Me, Know Me as the Lamb of God:
Do this in remembrance of Me, Eat this body, drink this blood.”
- 4 One in faith, in love united, All one body, You the head,
When we meet, by You invited, You are with us, as You said.
One with You and one another, In a unity sublime,
See in us Your sister, brother, One in ev’ry place and time.
- 5 One day all the Church will capture, That bright vision glorious,
And Your saints will know the rapture, That Your heart desired for us,

When the longed-for peace and union, Of the Greatest and the least
Meet in joyous, blest communion, In Your never-ending feast.

Confession and Absolution

P Lord God, heavenly Father, sin and shame accuse, yet you invite us to confess our sins and receive your forgiveness. Hear us now as we confess our sins.

C **Like the disciples, we gather here with hearts full of betrayal.**

P Our sinful thoughts, words and deeds have betrayed you, O Lord.

C **Like the disciples, we gather here with minds full of arguments.**

P Our relationships have been marred by fighting, pride and disputes.

C **Like the disciples, we gather here having denied you in many ways.**

P Our sinful lives and actions have denied that we know Jesus.

C **Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!**
(Please silently reflect on how the servant-love of Jesus, washes away our sin).

P Friends: Though our sin betrays Jesus, he never betrays us. Though we argue about our own greatness, Jesus is greater than our pride. Though we deny him through our sin, Jesus forgives you of all of your sins. Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, you are forgiven and cleansed, redeemed and a new creation. Take heart in the servant-love of your friend, Jesus!

C **What a friend we have in Jesus!**

WORD

Salutation

P The Lord be with you. C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Lord Jesus, we marvel at your servant heart. You came not to be served, but to serve. You came to wash the feet of your followers and feed us with your very body and blood. Having been served by you, enable us to now serve like you. Grant us humble hearts ready to wash feet as you have commanded us to do. We pray this in the name of our servant friend, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Psalm 145:15–17*

¹⁵The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
¹⁶You open your hand;
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.
¹⁷The LORD is righteous in all his ways
and kind in all his works.

L This is the Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *Philippians 2:5–11*

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse *John 13:1b*

L Having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

Holy Gospel *John 13:3–16*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, do you wash my feet?” ⁷Jesus answered him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.” ⁸Peter said to him, “You shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.” ⁹Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” ¹⁰Jesus said to him, “The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you.” ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

¹²When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Holy Gospel *Luke 22:14–20*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-second chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁴And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵And he said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” ¹⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves. ¹⁸For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” ¹⁹And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁰And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

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C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

543 What Wondrous Love Is This

- 1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, That caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!
- 2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, When I was sinking down, sinking down, When I was sinking down, Beneath God’s righteous frown, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.
- 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I AM, While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, While millions join the theme, I will sing.
- 4 And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on; And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on. And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing His love for me, And through eternity I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on, And through eternity I’ll sing on.

Sermon

Creed *Nicene Creed*

- C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

- P O love, how deep, how broad, how high. And this love has come to us through our servant-friend, Jesus. Hear us now, Lord, as we pray. Cleanse us from our sin and wash away all our iniquity through your precious blood shed for us on the cross.
- C **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P Feed us with your very body and blood so that we are strengthened and nourished for life and faith in you.
- C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Teach us to love and serve others just as you have loved and served us.

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Keep us vigilant and awake in our faith so that we remain watchful for your coming.

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Prepare us for this Holy Week as we recall your Passion and crucifixion, your burial and glorious resurrection after three days.

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Send us out to be witnesses of your love and service, your Good News and promise to make all things new.

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Empower us to love like you love, serve like you serve, care like you care and be a friend like you are our friend.

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Jesus, draw us ever closer to friendship with you.

C **What a servant you are. Amen.**

Offering

806 Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

1 Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He’s given, Jesus Christ His Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He’s given, Jesus Christ His Son.
And now let the weak say “I am strong,” Let the poor say “I am rich,”
Because of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say “I am strong,”
Let the poor say “I am rich,” Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, give thanks.

SACRAMENT

Preface

P The Lord be with you. C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts. C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, for You have had mercy on us through Your only begotten Son, who welcomes us sinners to His Table.
We thank You for not sparing Your Son but sacrificing Him for the sins of the world. As we eat and drink Your Son’s body and blood, remind us that You forgive our transgressions and cover our sins, no longer counting them against us, because of Jesus.

C **Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord’s Prayer

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.**

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei 438 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

1 A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth, The guilt of sinners bearing
And, laden with the sins of earth, None else the burden sharing;
Goes patient on, grows weak and faint, To slaughter led without complaint,
That spotless life to offer, He bears the stripes, the wounds, the lies,
The mockery, and yet replies, “All this I gladly suffer.”

2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul’s great friend, The Lamb of God, our Savior,
Whom God the Father chose to send, To gain for us His favor.
“Go forth, My Son,” the Father said, “And free My children from their dread
Of guilt and condemnation. The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,
But by Your passion they will share, The fruit of Your salvation.”

3 “Yes, Father, yes, most willingly, I’ll bear what You command Me.
My will conforms to Your decree, I’ll do what You have asked Me.”
O wondrous Love, what have You done! The Father offers up His Son,
Desiring our salvation. O Love, how strong You are to save!
You lay the One into the grave, Who built the earth’s foundation.

- 4 Lord, when Your glory I shall see, And taste Your kingdom’s pleasure,
Your blood my royal robe shall be, My joy beyond all measure!
When I appear before Your throne, Your righteousness shall be my crown;
With these I need not hide me. And there, in garments richly wrought,
As Your own bride shall we be brought, To stand in joy beside You.

Distribution Hymns

How Much More a Servant Could He Be (Screen)

430 My Song Is Love Unknown

- 1 My song is love unknown, My Savior’s love to me, Love to the loveless shown
That they might lovely be. Oh, who am I, That for my sake
My Lord should take, Frail flesh and die?
- 2 He came from His blest throne, Salvation to bestow; But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know. But, oh, my friend, My friend indeed,
Who at my need, His life did spend!
- 3 Sometimes they strew His way, And His sweet praises sing; Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King. Then “Crucify!” Is all their breath,
And for His death, They thirst and cry.
- 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He made the lame to run,
He gave the blind their sight. Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
Themselves displease, And ’gainst Him rise.
- 5 They rise and needs will have, My dear Lord made away; A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay. Yet cheerful He, To suff’ring goes
That He His foes, From thence might free.
- 6 In life no house, no home, My Lord on earth might have; In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave. What may I say? Heav’n was His home
But mine the tomb, Wherein He lay.
- 7 Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine! Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine. This is my friend, In whose sweet praise
I all my days, Could gladly spend!

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

- P Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift,
and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith
toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our
Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Stripping of the Altar *Psalm 22 is read during the stripping of the altar.*

All leave in silence.

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