



Order of Online Worship - March 28th/29th, 2020

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Welcome and Invocation

Gospel Reading: John 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. **2** It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. **3** So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." **4** But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. **6** So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. **7** Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." **8** The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" **9** Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. **10** But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." **11** After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." **12** The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." **13** Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. **14** Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, **15** and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." **16** So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

17 Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. **18** Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, **19** and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. **20** So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated

in the house. **21** Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. **22** But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." **23** Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." **24** Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." **25** Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, **26** and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" **27** She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

28 When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." **29** And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. **30** Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. **31** When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. **32** Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." **33** When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. **34** And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." **35** Jesus wept. **36** So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" **37** But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

38 Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. **39** Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." **40** Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" **41** So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. **42** I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." **43** When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." **44** The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." **45** Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Song - What Wondrous Love is This

Verse 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.

Verse 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.

Verse 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.

Verse 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.

Response to the Message: Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Verse 1:

I am the Bread of Life,
You who come to me shall not hunger,
And who believes in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father draws him.

Chorus

And I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up on the last day!

Verse 4:

I am the Resurrection,
I am the Life,
If you believe in Me,
Even though you die, you shall live forever!

Chorus

Verse 5:

Yes, Lord, I believe
that You are the Christ,
the Son of God,
Who has come into the world.

Chorus

Prayer of the Church

Brothers and sisters, for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs, let us bow our heads together in prayer, ending each petition with "Let us pray to the Lord" and responding. **"Lord, have mercy."**

[BRIEF SILENCE]

That we would be led by the light and truth of God's Word, and the love of the Christ who suffered and died in our place to make atonement for all our sins, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That those who serve Christ's Church would be protected from sickness, blessed with faithfulness and fortified with courage as they carry out all their duties in the midst of this pandemic, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the Lord would bless all families, protect them from harm and evil, draw them together into His Word and prayer, give them hearts of love for one another, and provide for all of their needs, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That all those who have been placed in authority over us would be granted God's wisdom to serve with integrity and honor as they promote the common welfare of all, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That God would bless our whole world in isolation and in illness, together with all who suffer in body and soul – especially **Deacon Kathy Cortelyou**, as she begins a new clinical trial in her battle with cancer; **George Aram**, as he enters rehab in his struggle to recover from heart bypass surgery; all of us who mourn the passing of **Annika Stickevers** on Wednesday – praying especially for her husband, John, and sons, Erik, Kevin and Daniel; and all those we now name before Your throne of grace, aloud in voice or in the silence of our hearts..... **[PAUSE]**. That all would be comforted and blessed with patience and strength, healing and restoration in accordance with God's will, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That God would heal and comfort **those infected with the Coronavirus**, removing every cell of the virus from their bodies and restoring them to complete health; that God would comfort **those in fear**, filling their hearts with love and freeing them from the bondage of anxiety as only God can; that God would bless all **those who are treating the sick**, protecting them from harm and danger as they work to restore the health of the suffering; and that God would hear our thanks for those who are recovering – especially **Peter Scully** and Gail and Carl Vitullo's daughter, **Christie** – let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Benediction

Thank you so much for joining us! God bless you!