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Learn to Serve Jesus

The Order of Worship: Worship Preparation:

Psalm 75

God Will Judge with Equity

To the choirmaster: according to Do Not Destroy. A Psalm of Asaph. A Song.

75:1 We give thanks to you, O God;
we give thanks, for your name is near.
We recount your wondrous deeds.

2 “At the set time that I appoint
I will judge with equity.

3 When the earth totters, and all its
inhabitants,
it is I who keep steady its pillars. Selah

4 I say to the boastful, ‘Do not boast,’
and to the wicked, ‘Do not lift up your
horn;

5 do not lift up your horn on high,
or speak with haughty neck.””

6 For not from the east or from the west
and not from the wilderness comes lifting
up,

7 but it is God who executes judgment,
putting down one and lifting up another.

8 For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup
with foaming wine, well mixed,
and he pours out from it,
and all the wicked of the earth
shall drain it down to the dregs.

9 But I will declare it forever;
I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

10 All the horns of the wicked I will cut
off,

but the horns of the righteous shall be lifted
up. ([ESV](#))

Hymn: TLH 155: Sweet the Moments Rich in Blessing

**1. Sweet the moments, rich in blessing,
Which before the cross we spend,
Life and health and peace possessing
From the sinner's dying Friend.**

2. Here we rest in wonder, viewing
All our sins on Jesus laid;
Here we see redemption flowing
From the sacrifice He made.

3. Here we find the dawn of heaven
While upon the cross we gaze,
See our trespasses forgiven,
And our songs of triumph raise.

4. Oh, that, near the cross abiding,
We may to the Savior cleave,
Naught with Him our hearts dividing,
All for Him content to leave!

5. Lord, in loving contemplation
Fix our hearts and eyes on Thee

Till we taste Thy full salvation
And we unveiled glory see.

Liturgy: TLH, p. 5 ff.

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Ghost

C: Amen.

The Confession of Sins

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near
with a true heart and confess our sins unto
God our Father, beseeching Him in the
name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us
forgiveness. Our Help is in the name of the
Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions
unto the Lord.

**C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of
my sin.**

P: Almighty God, our Maker and

Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed.

Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Thine only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by the Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end, that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us and hath given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His

name He giveth the power to become sons of God and hath promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.
C: Amen.

Introit:

P: I love the Lord, for He heard my voice;

C: He heard my cry for mercy.

P: Because He turned His ear to me,

C: I will call upon Him as long as I live.

P: For You, O Lord, have delivered my soul from death,

C: My eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. Glory be to God!

Gloria Patri

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

The Kyrie

**C: Lord have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us,
Lord have mercy upon us.**

Gloria in Excelsis:

**Hymn: TLH 377, st. 10: Salvation unto
us has Come**

**10. All blessing, honor, thanks, and
praise
To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God that saved us by His grace,-
All glory to His merit!
O Triune God in heaven above,
Who hast revealed Thy saving love,
Thy blessed name be hallowed.**

The Salutation

**P: The Lord be with you.
C: And with thy spirit.**

P: Let us Pray (Collect of the Day)

C: Amen.

First Reading:

Hebrews 9:11-15

Redemption Through the Blood of Christ

11 But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) 12 he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. 13 For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, 14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who

through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

15 Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. ([ESV](#))

C: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Gradual:

P: Oh, come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

C: The author and finisher of our faith,

P: Who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning the shame,

C: And sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

P: The Son of Man did not come to be served,

C: But to serve and give His life as a ransom for many.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Second Reading:

Harmony of the Passion

P: Here endeth the Gospel

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Confession of Faith:

The Apostles Creed: TLH p. 12

C: 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified dead and buried; He descended into Hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From

thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: TLH 148, st. 1-4,10-11: Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light

**1. Lord Jesus Christ, my Life, my Light,
My Strength by day, my Trust by night,
On earth I'm but a passing guest
And sorely with my sins opprest.**

**2. Far off I see my fatherland,
Where through Thy blood I hope to stand.
But ere I reach that Paradise,
A weary way before me lies.**

**3. My heart sulks at the journey's length,
My wasted flesh has little strength;
My soul alone still cries in me:**

“Lord, take me home, take me to Thee!”

4. Oh, let Thy sufferings give me power
To meet the last and darkest hour!

Thy blood refresh and comfort me;
Thy bonds and fetters make me free.

10. Renew this wasted flesh of mine
That like the sun it there may shine
Among the angels pure and bright,
Yea, like Thyself in glorious light.

11. Ah, then I'll have my heart's desire,
When, singing with the angels' choir,
Among the ransomed of Thy grace,
Forever I'll behold Thy face!

Sermon Text:

John 12:1-8

Mary Anoints Jesus at Bethany

12:1 Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus

was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.
2 So they gave a dinner for him there.
Martha served, and Lazarus was one of
those reclining with him at table. 3 Mary
therefore took a pound of expensive
ointment made from pure nard, and
anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his
feet with her hair. The house was filled
with the fragrance of the perfume. 4 But
Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who
was about to betray him), said, 5 “Why was
this ointment not sold for three hundred
denarii and given to the poor?” 6 He said
this, not because he cared about the poor,
but because he was a thief, and having
charge of the moneybag he used to help
himself to what was put into it. 7 Jesus
said, “Leave her alone, so that she may
keep it for the day of my burial. 8 For the
poor you always have with you, but you do
not always have me.” ([ESV](#))

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1. Not like Judas who focused on himself
2. But like Mary who focused on Him

Offertory: TLH p 12 f.

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me, Cast
me not away from Thy presence; and
take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy
salvation; and uphold me with Thy free
Spirit. Amen.**

Hymn: TLH 158: Glory be to Jesus

1. **Glory be to Jesus,
Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the life-blood
From His sacred veins!**
2. **Grace and life eternal
In that blood I find;
Blest be His compassion,**

Infinitely kind!

3. Blest through endless ages
Be the precious stream
Which from endless torments
Did the world redeem!

4. Abel's blood for vengeance
Pleaded to the skies;
But the blood of Jesus
For our pardon cries.

5. Oft as earth exulting
Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing
Make their glad reply.

6. Lift we, then, our voices,
Swell the mighty flood,
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious blood!

Offering, Prayers, Benediction: TLH p. 14

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who are 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.

The Benediction

**P: The Lord bless thee and keep thee The Lord make His face to shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee, The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee and give thee peace.
C: Amen, Amen, Amen.**

Hymn: TLH 378: All that I Was, my Sin, my Guilt

**1. All that I was, my sin, my guilt,
My death, was all my own;
All that I am I owe to Thee,
My gracious God, alone.**

2. The evil of my former state
Was mine, and only mine;
The good in which I now rejoice
Is Thine, and only Thine.

3. The darkness of my former state,
The bondage, all was mine;
The light of life in which I walk,
The liberty, is Thine.

4. Thy Word first made me feel my sin,
It taught me to believe;
Then, in believing, peace I found,
And now I live, I live!

5. All that I am, e'en here on earth,
All that I hope to be,

When Jesus comes and glory dawns,
I owe it, Lord, to Thee.
