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## ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship 8:00am & 10:30am

Wednesday Worship 7:00pm

## Hospitality and Discipleship: A Meal with Chosen Family

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### Welcome and Announcements

#### Dialogue (*spoken*)

P: Behold, now is the acceptable time;

**C: now is the day of salvation.**

P: Turn us again, O God of our salvation,

**C: that the light of your face may shine on us.**

P: May your justice shine like the sun;

**C: and may the poor be lifted up.**

#### Hymn of Light (*spoken*)

P: Joyous light of glory:

**C: of the immortal Father;**

**heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ.**

**We have come to the setting of the sun,**

**and we look to the evening light.**

**We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:**

**You are worthy of being praised with pure voices forever.**

**O Son of God, O giver of life:**

**The universe proclaims your glory.**

#### Thanksgiving for Light (*spoken*)

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: We give you thanks, O God,

for in the beginning you called light into being,

and you set light in the sky

to govern night and day.

In a pillar of cloud by day

and a pillar of fire by night

you led your people into freedom.

Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ:

may your Word be a lamp to our feet

and a light to our path;

for you are merciful,

and you love your whole creation,

and with all your creatures we give you glory,

through your Son Jesus Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

Psalmody

All **Let my prayer rise before you as incense;  
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

Group One **O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;  
hear my voice when I cry to you.**

All **Let my prayer rise before you as incense;  
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

Group Two **Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,  
and guard the door of my lips.**

Group One **Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;  
let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.**

Group Two **But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God;  
in you I take refuge. Strip me not of my life.**

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be forever. Amen.  
Let my prayer rise before you as incense;  
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

Hymn: "Take My Life, That I May Be" (ELW 685) (*video*)

Take my life, that I may be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing  
always, only, for my King;  
take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold,  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect and use  
ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose.

Take my will and make it thine,  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own,  
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

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First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:4-9

<sup>4</sup>Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. <sup>5</sup>You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. <sup>6</sup>Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. <sup>7</sup>Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. <sup>8</sup>Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, <sup>9</sup>and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the twelfth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: John 12:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary 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. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor? <sup>6</sup>(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.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

P: This is the gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: "Holy Woman, Graceful Giver" (ACS 1002) (*video*)

Holy woman, graceful giver,  
prophet, servant, and believer,  
Mary with the ointment jar,  
sought the Christ, by scorn undaunted,  
knelt in love, his feet anointed  
for his coming burial hour,  
for his coming burial hour.

How the fragrance filled the dwelling!  
How the act of beauty welling  
blest all those within the place!  
How the act of pure devotion,  
whisp'ring of his coming passion,  
blest the heart of Christ with grace,  
blest the heart of Christ with grace!

Lovingly Christ stilled the scoffer  
who would grasping guard the coffer,  
pointing to a hidden trove:  
Not all treasures gain and profit;  
feed the poor, and feed the spirit  
acts of beauty, acts of love;  
acts of beauty, acts of love.

Though disdained or though contested,  
acts of love are never wasted:  
Beauty is a face of God.  
Graceful Mary, by your giving,  
you have shown a way of living:  
acts of beauty, love, and good;  
acts of beauty, love, and good.

### The Prayers of the Children of God

Each petition ends...Merciful God,

**Congregation responds...receive our prayer.**

Offering

### Offering Prayer

A: God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

**C: Amen.**

### Thanksgiving

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

### Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

### Post-Communion Blessing

P: And now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

### Post Communion Prayer

A: Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

**C: Amen**

### Blessing

P: God, the giver of love, † Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

**C: Amen.**

Sending Song: "All Praise to Thee, May God, This Night" (ELW 565) (*video*)

#### *Verse 1*

All praise to thee, my God, this night  
for all the blessings of the light.  
Keep me, oh, keep me, King of kings,  
beneath thine own almighty wings.

#### *Verse 2*

Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son,  
the ill that I this day have done;  
that with the world, myself, and thee,  
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

#### *Verse 3*

Teach me to live, that I may dread  
the grave as little as my bed.  
Teach me to die, that so I may  
rise glorious at the awesome day.

#### *Verse 4*

Oh, may my soul in thee repose,  
and may sweet sleep mine eyelids close,  
sleep that shall me more vig'rous make  
to serve my God when I awake!

#### *Verse 5*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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### Dismissal

A: As an open and progressive congregation,

**C: we boldly make Christ's vision known.**

A: Go in peace. Serve in love.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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