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LOTV Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, August 30th

Welcome and Announcements

We will be celebrating Communion during worship this morning. All are welcome! You will need to provide your own elements of bread and wine or juice for Holy Communion.

Call to Worship

P) We worship in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit!

C) Amen

P) O Lord our God, you gather us again,

C) But this way in which we gather now seem lacking,

P) We long to gather in the way we were accustomed

C) Where we can be in the same place with our voices raised to you.

P) Yet we know that this is a different time, a time to be care-full for one another

C) So we ask for patience and seek your peace in uncertain times.

P) Lift up our hearts with joy

C) The joy that is in you, O Lord.

P) Give us the desire to serve you

C) As we serve those among whom we live.

P) Bless us with a deepening trust in your loving kindness

C) that we might share your grace, mercy and peace.

ALL) and live in the same grace, mercy and peace! Amen

Prayer of the Day

P) The Lord be with you.

C) And also with you.

P) O God,

C) we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world.

Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings

After each reading –

Reader: The Word of God for the People of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Jeremiah 15: 15-21

O LORD, you know;

remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;

know that on your account I suffer insult.

Your words were found, and I ate them,

and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;

for I am called by your name,

O LORD, God of hosts.

I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,

nor did I rejoice;

under the weight of your hand I sat alone,

for you had filled me with indignation.

Why is my pain unceasing,

my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,

like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the LORD:

If you turn back, I will take you back,

and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,

you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,

not you who will turn to them.

And I will make you to this people

a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you,

but they shall not prevail over you,

for I am with you

to save you and deliver you,

says the LORD.

I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,

and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Romans 12: 9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for

what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Gospel Reading

After reading – Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Matthew 16: 21-28

From that time on [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,], Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

Sermon

Sermon Hymn

"Take Up Your Cross"



1. Take up your cross,	the Sav - ior said,	If you would
2. Take up your cross,	let not its weight	Fill your weak
3. Take up your cross,	heed not the shame,	And let your
4. Take up your cross,	then, in his strength,	And calm - ly
5. Take up your cross,	and fol - low Christ,	Nor think till



my dis - ci - ple be;	Take up your cross	with will - ing
spir - it with a - larm;	His strength shall bear	your spir - it
fool - ish heart be still;	The Lord for you	ac - cept - ed
ev - 'ry dan - ger brave:	It guides you to	a bet - ter
death to lay it down;	For on - ly those	who bear the



heart,	And hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
up,	And brace your heart and nerve your arm.
death	Up - on a cross, on Cal - v'ry's hill.
home	And leads to vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
cross	May hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

Affirmation of Faith "Apostles Creed"

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Prayers of the People

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord with you.

C) And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

C) We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C) It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, who calls us to follow his way of humble service and love and so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C) Holy, holy, holy are you. God of power and might; Heaven and earth are filled with your glory, Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!

Words of Institution

Lord remember us in your love 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

Distribution of Communion

After Communion Blessing and Prayer

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C) Amen

Life-giving God, in this meal you have bound us to yourself, at this table we have received the very presence of Jesus Christ. Send us now to be what we have received, that all creation might know your love and sing your praise now and always.

Benediction

Sending

Leader: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD!!

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