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*Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.*

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**LENTEN MIDWEEK 4**

**The Good News of a God Who Passes Over Us in Mercy  
(Series A)**

## **WELCOME**

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, [office@stlukesmanhattan.org](mailto:office@stlukesmanhattan.org), or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

## **AS WE GATHER**

In the Passover night of Exodus, the Lord saw the blood of the lamb and spared His people. He did not overlook their sin—He covered it. Tonight we gather beneath that same mercy. Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed, and by His blood we are shielded, cleansed, and made new. As we hear the Scriptures, pray the psalms, and walk with our Lord toward His cross, we remember that God still passes over His people in grace. He sees us, knows us, and redeems us. May this time of worship draw us deeper into the freedom Christ has won and the deliverance He still gives to all who trust in Him.

## **IMAGE ON THE COVER**

Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God. And God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.  
*Exodus 2:23–24*

## **WELCOME**

## **✠PREPARATION✠**

## 431 NOT ALL THE BLOOD OF BEASTS



1 Not all the blood of beasts On Jew - ish al - tars slain  
2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, Takes all our sins a - way;  
3 My faith would lay its hand On that dear head of Thine,  
4 My soul looks back to see The bur - den Thou didst bear  
5 Be - liev - ing, we re - jice To see the curse re - move;



Could give the guilt - y con - science peace Or wash a - way the stain.  
A sac - ri - fice of no - bler name And rich - er blood than they.  
While as a pen - i - tent I stand, And there con - fess my sin.  
When hang - ing on the curs - ed tree; I know my guilt was there.  
We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice And sing His bleed - ing love.

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES

*Psalm 32:1; Exodus 12:13; 1 Corinthians 5:7*

**P** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,

**C** whose sin is covered.

**P** “When I see the blood, I will pass over you,” says the Lord.

**C** No plague shall destroy us, for His mercy endures forever.

**P** Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed.

**C** Cleanse us, O Lord, that we may walk in newness of life.

**P** Rejoice in the Lord and trust in His steadfast love.

**C** For He surrounds His people with shouts of deliverance.

- P** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.
- C** **Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**
- P** For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.
- C** **For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**
- P** I acknowledged my sin to You,  
and I did not cover my iniquity;
- C** **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"  
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
- P** Therefore let everyone who is godly  
offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found;  
surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.
- C** **You are a hiding place for me;  
You preserve me from trouble;  
You surround me with shouts of deliverance.**
- P** I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with My eye upon you.
- C** **Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
which must be curbed with bit and bridle,  
or it will not stay near you.**
- P** Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
- C** **but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.**
- P** Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,
- C** **and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-merciful Father, You spared Your ancient people when You saw the blood of the lamb upon their doors, and in the fullness of time You sent Your Son, our true Passover Lamb, whose blood cleanses us from all sin. Grant that, trusting in His sacrifice, we may not hide our iniquities but confess them boldly, and so rejoice in the deliverance You freely give; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## ✠WORD✠

### FIRST READING

*Exodus 12:1–14*

*(God gives commands for celebrating the Passover.)*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, <sup>2</sup>“This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household. <sup>4</sup>And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, <sup>6</sup>and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

<sup>7</sup>“Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it.

<sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. <sup>10</sup>And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup>In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup>"This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast."

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 5:6–8*

*(Paul encourages total cleansing and rejoicing.)*

<sup>6</sup>Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? <sup>7</sup>Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. <sup>8</sup>Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### THIRD READING

Matthew 25:17-30

*(Jesus tells a parable about someone who did not use the talents he was allotted.)*

*<sup>17</sup>So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. <sup>18</sup>But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup>Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>22</sup>And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>24</sup>He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' <sup>26</sup>But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'*

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**P** God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ.  
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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 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.**

# WHAT PROMPTED CHRIST

sts. 1-2



1 What prompt - ed Christ, our Lord, to come  
2 God's ho - ly pre - cious Lamb shows His



down to the cross? What prompt - ed Him to die for my  
mer - cy to all. His death has paid for our ev - 'ry



soul? It was the Fa - ther's love That  
sin. Wor - thy is Christ, God's Lamb, For



sent Him to the cross That in Christ's bound - less  
He for - gives our sin, And by His ho - ly



love - He would pay for all sin To  
bod - y and blood, we are free, Re -



pay for ev - 'ry sin since the fall.  
deemed, re - stored, for - giv'n, pure with - in.

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## PASSION READING

Mark 14:66-15:11

<sup>66</sup>And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came, <sup>67</sup>and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, “You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus.” <sup>68</sup>But he denied it, saying, “I neither know nor understand what you mean.” And he went out into the gateway and the rooster crowed. <sup>69</sup>And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, “This man is one of them.” <sup>70</sup>But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, “Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean.” <sup>71</sup>But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know this man of whom you speak.” <sup>72</sup>And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, *“Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.”* And he broke down and wept.

<sup>1</sup>And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole Council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. <sup>2</sup>And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And he answered him, *“You have said so.”* <sup>3</sup>And the chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup>And Pilate again asked him, “Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you.” <sup>5</sup>But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

<sup>6</sup>Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. <sup>7</sup>And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. <sup>8</sup>And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. <sup>9</sup>And he answered them, saying, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” <sup>10</sup>For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. <sup>11</sup>But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## O CHRIST, OUR PASCHAL LAMB

*Tune: LSB 527 – O Savior, Precious, Savior  
(ANGELS'S STORY 76.76.D)*

1. The Lord spoke to His people,  
“In haste My feast prepare;  
A lamb without a blemish,  
Its blood your home shall spare.  
When judgment sweeps the nations,  
My wrath shall not draw near;  
For where the blood is marking,  
My mercy conquers fear.”
2. That night the Lord passed over  
The homes by blood made clean;  
The firstborn fell in Egypt,  
Yet Is-rael was redeemed.  
So now in Christ's atonement  
Our rescue is secured;  
His cross becomes our shelter,  
His sacrifice our cure.
3. O Christ, our Paschal Victim,  
Once slain, yet risen bright,  
You free us from the leaven  
Of sin's enslaving night.  
Cleanse us from pride's corruption,  
From malice make us whole;  
Renew in us Your Spirit,  
True purity of soul.
4. Till dawn of Your appearing,  
We keep the feast in faith;  
Your body and Your life-blood  
Our refuge still in death.  
Then bring us to the banquet  
Where saints and angels sing,  
And we, with joy unending,  
Praise Christ, our Paschal King.

## SERMON

## VOTUM

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

## OFFERING

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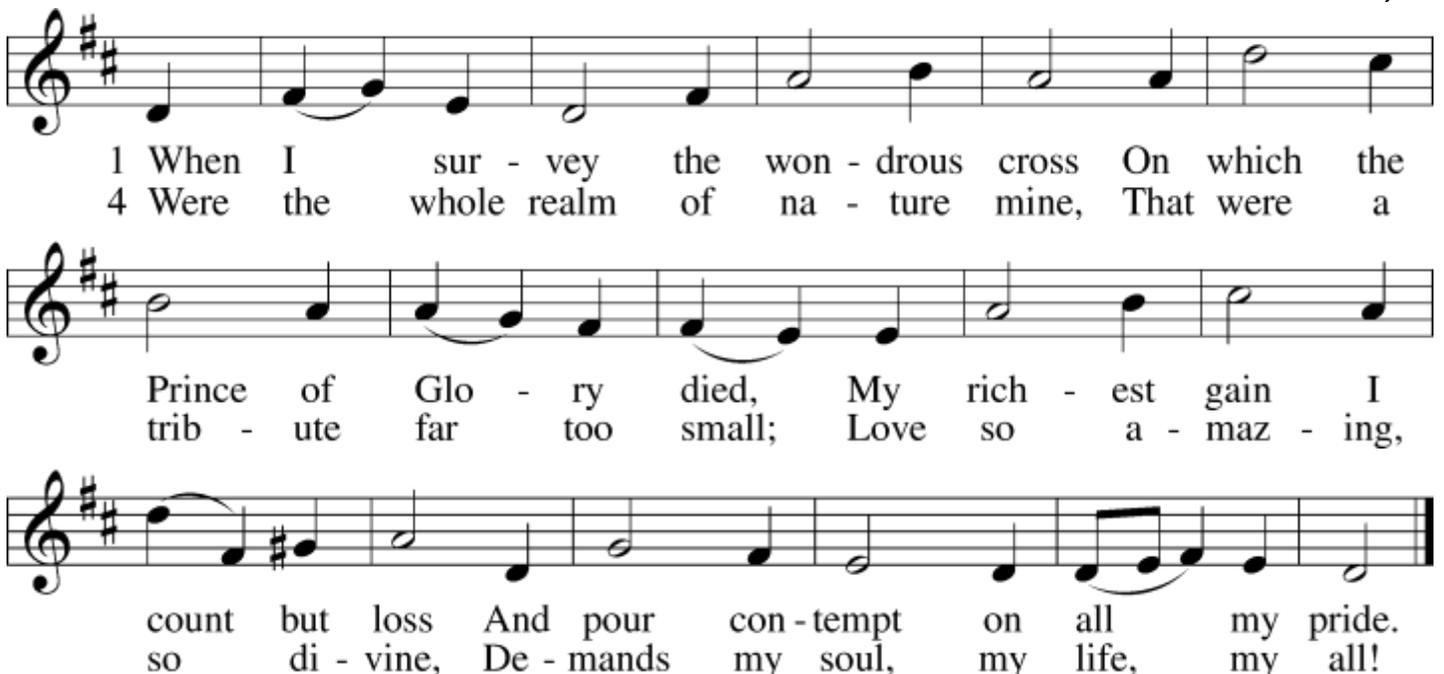
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*Stand*

## OFFERTORY

### 426 WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

*sts. 1, 4*



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a  
Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I  
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,  
count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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## PRAYERS

- P** Let us pray for all people who are unsure of God’s hearing their prayers.
- C** **Hear their cries, O Lord, grant them courage as You accompany, and answer them speedily.**
- P** Let us ask God to strengthen the faith of those who only recently have known Him.
- C** **Reveal Yourself gently to them, Lord Jesus, through the caring of Your church.**
- P** Let us pray for those who feel trapped by circumstances beyond their control.
- C** **Assure them that You know their dilemma and that the deliverer has come: Jesus, our Savior and Lord.**
- P** Let us pray for all who fear God’s punishment.
- C** **Show them mercy, O Lord, as You passed over Your Old Testament people. Grant them peace through Your presence.**
- P** Let us pray for all who know no good ways to turn, are unsure of the truth, and await only their deaths.
- C** **Tell them again, Lord Jesus, that You alone are the way, and the truth, and the life.**
- P** Finally, let us pray for all who are tired from opposition in the world around them and from their own conflicts within themselves.
- C** **Awaken in them a sense of Your accompanying them on their journey until that day when they and we join those who have gone before us at Your heavenly banquet hall.**

- P** O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways
- C** **and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.**
- P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works,
- C** **give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness;**
- P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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.**

## BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord, who has passed over you in mercy, bless you.  
The Lord, who sent His Son to pay for your sins, bless you.  
The Lord, who calls you His sons and daughters, bless you and keep you, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## GREET ONE ANOTHER

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "The Lord be with you," "Peace be with you," or "The peace of the Lord be with you".*

## 433 GLORY BE TO JESUS



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains  
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;  
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream  
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!  
Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!  
Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!  
But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don 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!

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**P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

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