

## PRELUDE

◇ A time of quiet preparation

*Hymn, Psalm 34:8/ D. Wagner  
God of our Fathers/ M. McDonald  
Douglas Weaver, Guest Organist*

## WORDS OF GREETING

### WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Jeremiah 31:31-34b (NIV)

Leader: “The time is coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.

People: **It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD.**

Leader: “This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

People: **For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”**

IN PRAYER

### \*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 76

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

### \*WE CONFESS OUR FAITH (Trinity Hymnal p. 821)

Psalm 103

### \*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines... The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. The LORD has spoken. Isaiah 25:6, 8b (NIV)

### WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

WELCOME TO VISITORS

## WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus/ D.*

Wood

## WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 24:1-8

(NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Then he said to Moses, “Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel. You are to worship at a

distance,<sup>2</sup> but Moses alone is to approach the LORD; the others must not come near. And the people may not come up with him.”

<sup>3</sup> When Moses went and told the people all the LORD's words and laws, they responded with one voice, “Everything the LORD has said we will do.”<sup>4</sup> Moses then wrote down everything the LORD had said.

He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel.<sup>5</sup> Then he sent young Israelite men, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as fellowship offerings to the LORD.<sup>6</sup> Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he sprinkled on the altar.<sup>7</sup> Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, “We will do everything the LORD has said; we will obey.”

<sup>8</sup> Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, “This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

<sup>9</sup> Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up<sup>10</sup> and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of sapphire, clear as the sky itself.<sup>11</sup> But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

<sup>12</sup> The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and commands I have written for their instruction.”

<sup>13</sup> Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God.<sup>14</sup> He said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them.”

<sup>15</sup> When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it,<sup>16</sup> and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud

covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud. <sup>17</sup> To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. <sup>18</sup> Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Revelation 19:6-9 (NIV)

<sup>6</sup> Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting:

“Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns.

<sup>7</sup> Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.

<sup>8</sup> Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear.”

(Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.)

<sup>9</sup> Then the angel said to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!’” And he added, “These are the true words of God.”

SERMON

*More than Just a Meal*  
series in Exodus  
Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

## WE COME TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE INVITATION

THE BREAD

THE CUP

*Softly and Tenderly*/ P. Keveren

## WE REMEMBER THOSE IN NEED

THE LOVE OFFERING/CLOSING HYMN **420**

*At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing*

\*WORDS OF PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE