

PRELUDE

◇A time of quiet preparation

Fugue/ A. Scarlatti

WORDS OF GREETING

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WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 16:7-11; Psalm 17:15 (NIV)

Leader: I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

People: **I have set the LORD always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.**

Leader: Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure,

People: **Because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay.**

Leader: You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

People: **And I--in righteousness I will see your face; when I awake, I will be satisfied with seeing your likeness.**

IN PRAYER

*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 310

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

*WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Unison: **Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.**

**Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed; he answers him from his holy heaven with the saving power of his right hand. Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. They are brought to their knees and fall, but we rise up and stand firm. Psalm 20: 6-8 (NIV)

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

Song of Trust/ arr. D. Music

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 11: 1-50 (NIV)

¹ Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.² This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.³ So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick."

⁴ When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it."

⁵ Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.⁶ Yet when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days.⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."

⁸ "But Rabbi," they said, "a short while ago the Jews tried to stone you, and yet you are going back there?"

⁹ Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? A man who walks by day will not stumble, for he sees by this world's light.

¹⁰ It is when he walks by night that he stumbles, for he has no light."¹¹ After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up."

¹² His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better."

¹³ Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep.¹⁴ So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead,

¹⁵ and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

¹⁶ Then Thomas (called Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷ On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

¹⁸ Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem,¹⁹ and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother.²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

²¹ "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died."²² But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

²⁴ Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;²⁶ and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

²⁷ "Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."²⁸ And after she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. "The Teacher is here," she said, "and is asking for you."

²⁹ When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him.

³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him.³¹ When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out,

they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.

³² When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled.³⁴ "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied.

³⁵ Jesus wept.

³⁶ Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸ Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance.³⁹ "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days."

⁴⁰ Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"⁴¹ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me."⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."⁴³ When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

⁴⁵ Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, put their faith in him.⁴⁶ But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.

⁴⁷ Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin. "What are we accomplishing?" they asked. "Here is this man performing many miraculous signs."⁴⁸ If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation."⁴⁹ Then one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, spoke up, "You know nothing at all!

⁵⁰ You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish."

SERMON

Resurrection Previews

series: Jesus According to John
Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

WE COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE INVITATION

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**Unison: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin
Mary. He 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.**

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

THE BREAD

THE CUP

WE REMEMBER THOSE IN NEED

THE LOVE OFFERING/CLOSING HYMN **520**

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

*WORDS OF PEACE

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

(4 years through 5th grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*POSTLUDE

