**Maundy Thursday March 28, 2024 7:00 p.m.**

Take time to meditate on Hebrews 7:25 (ESV)

 “*Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.”*

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship Romans 8:38-39**

**\*Hymn** **#305** **“Arise, My Soul, Arise”**

**Confession of Faith**  ***Heidelberg Catechism #65-67***

Q.65. It is by faith alone that we share in Christ and all his blessings: where then does that faith come from?

**A. The Holy Spirit produces it in our hearts by the preaching of the holy gospel, and confirms it through our use of the holy sacraments.**

Q.66. What are sacraments?

**A. Sacraments are holy signs and seals for us to see. They were instituted by God so that by our use of them he might make us understand more clearly the promise of the gospel, and might put his seal on that promise. And this is God’s gospel promise: to forgive our sins and give us eternal life by grace alone because of Christ’s one sacrifice finished on the cross.**

Q.67. Are both the word and the sacraments then intended to focus our faith on the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross as the only ground of our salvation?

**A. Right! In the gospel the Holy Spirit teaches us and through the holy sacraments he assures us that our entire salvation rests on Christ’s one sacrifice for us on the cross.**

**Gospel Reading Luke 22:7-23 p.1048**

**Special Music *For God So Loved the World***

 **Rachel Stenger and John and Vicky Lewis**

**Aisquith & Loch Raven Presbyterian Churches**

**Scripture** **Luke 22: 31-34 p.1048**

**Sermon “Christ’s Intercession”**

**\*Hymn #427 “Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands”**

**Silent Confession**

**Corporate Confession**

**Almighty God, who does freely pardon all those who repent and turn to Him, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace, forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience, through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

**Declaration of Pardon**

As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me! (Psalm 40:11)

Pastor: Your sins are forgiven. Your dignity is restored. Your shame is taken away – all by the life and sacrifice of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. At the time of the banquet, he sent his servant to say to all those who were invited, “Friends, your spot at the table is set. He has made a place for you.”

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**\*Hymn #420 “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”**

**Invitation to the Table**

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us lift up our hearts to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

**Celebration of the Lord’s Supper**

[We invite all who trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, who follow Him as their Lord in accordance with Scriptures, and who publicly confess their faith in Him in the fellowship of His Church to commune with us in the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper.]

**\*Hymn #431 “A Parting Hymn We Sing” (a capella)**

**Benediction**

We welcome our brothers and sisters from Aisquith PCA who are joining us this evening in worship of our Lord.  What a blessing to fellowship together around the Lord’s Table tonight!  The Word and Sacrament point us to Christ our Savior and remind us of all the blessings we enjoy as we are united to Him by faith.  A special thank you to Rev. John Ceselsky for his support of our joint worship services.

Please remember to come tomorrow to the Good Friday Service hosted by Aisquith Presbyterian Church, PCA.  We look forward to seeing you there at 7:00!