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Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery CP 179

***Tree of Life and awesome mystery, in your death we are reborn;
though you die in all of history, still you rise with every morn,
still you rise with every morn.***

***Seed that dies to rise in glory, may we see ourselves in you;
If we learn to live your story we may die to rise anew,
we may die to rise anew.***

***We remember truth once spoken, love passed on through act and word;
Every person lost and broken wears the body of our Lord,
wears the body of our Lord.***

***Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit, come inflame our hearts anew.
We may all your joy inherit if we bear the cross with you,
if we bear the cross with you.***

***Christ, you lead and we shall follow, stumbling though our steps may be;
One with you in joy and sorrow, we the river, you the sea,
we the river, you the sea.***

***Light of life beyond conceiving, mighty Spirit of our Lord;
Give new strength to our believing, give us faith to live your word,
give us faith to live your word.***

This is the day that Christ the Lamb of God gave himself
into the hands of those who would slay him.

This is the day that Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

This is the day that Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an
example that we should do to others as he has done to us.

**This is the day that Christ our God gave us a holy feast, that we may here
proclaim his Holy Sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection, and at the last
day may reign with him in heaven.**

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant CP 500

***Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.***

***We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow travelers on the road;
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.***

***I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.***

***I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.***

***When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.***

***Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.***

Let us pray.

God our Father, your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end
and drank the cup prepared for him:

May we who share his vigil watch with him through the night of suffering
and be faithful. Amen.

Exodus 12: 1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. 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. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the

land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 116: 10-17

- 10 How shall I repay you, O Lord, *
for all the good things you have done for me?**
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon your name.**
- 12 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all the people.**
- 13 Precious in your sight, O Lord *
is the death of your servants.**
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.**
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the name of the Lord.**
- 16 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all the people of God.**
- 17 In the courts of the house of the Lord, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!**

1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

Thanks be to God!

May God be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

John 13: 1-15

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' Jesus said to him, 'One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.' For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.'

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.'

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ,
on the night before his death,
Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet,
an act of humble service.

**He taught that strength and growth in the life of the kingdom of God
come not by power, authority, or even miracle,
but by such lowly service.**

Jesus worked to protect the vulnerable
and to offer comfort to those who were isolated.
I invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ,
to recall whose servant we are by following the example of our Master.

**We remember that “a servant is not greater than his master,
nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him.
If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.”**

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love CP 504

***Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbours we have from you.***

***Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them. Refrain***

***Neighbours are rich and poor, varied in colour and race,
neighbours are near and far away. Refrain***

***These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbours to us and you. Refrain***

***Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves;
this is the way we should live with you. Refrain***

***Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you. Refrain***

Let us confess our faith as we say,
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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, and is seated
at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbours,
and for all those who are alone.**

For this community, our country, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.

For Melissa our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For our own needs and those of others.

Silence. Please add your own petitions

Hear us, Lord.

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. Please add your own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our king;

And praise your name for ever and ever.

We pray for those who have died in the peace of Christ,
and for those whose faith is known to you alone,
that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. Please add your own petitions

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Gracious God, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people;
you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking.

Grant our requests as may be best for us.

This we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Matthew 26: 30-46

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Then Jesus said to them, 'You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered."

But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.' Peter said to him, 'Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.' Jesus said to him, 'Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.' Peter said to him, 'Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.' And so said all the disciples.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I go over there and pray.' He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.' And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.' Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.' Again he went away for the second time and prayed, 'My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.' Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.'

Stay With Me (Gather)

***Stay with me, remain her with me.
Watch and pray. Watch and pray.***

Psalm 22

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me *
and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?**
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.**
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.**
- 4 Our ancestors put their trust in you; *
they trusted, and you delivered them.**
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.**

6 But as for me, I am a worm and not human, *
scorned by all and despised by the people.

7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

8 “You trusted in the Lord; let the Lord deliver you; *
let God rescue you, if God delights in you.”

9 Yet you are the one who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.

10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my mother’s womb.

11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
and there is none to help.

12 Many young bulls encircle me; *
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

13 They open wide their jaws at me, *
like a ravening and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; *
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

15 My mouth is dried out like a potsherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; *
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

16 Packs of dogs close me in and gangs of evildoers circle around me; *
they pierce my hands and my feet.

17 I can count all my bones *
while they stare and gloat over me.

18 They divide my garments among them; *
they cast lots for my clothing.

19 Be not far away, O Lord; *
you are my strength; hasten to help me.

20 Save me from the sword, *
my life from the power of the dog.

21 Save me from the lion’s mouth, *
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

22 I will declare your name to my kindred; *
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

23 Praise the Lord, you that fear God; *
stand in awe of God, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob’s line, give glory.

24 For God does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither turns away from them; *
when they cry to the Lord, they are heard.

25 My praise is of God in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship the Lord.

- 26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall give praise: *
“May your heart live for ever!”**
- 27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before God.**
- 28 For sovereignty belongs to the Lord, *
who rules over the nations.**
- 29 To God alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before God.**
- 30 My soul shall live for God;
my descendants shall serve God; *
they shall be known as the Lord’s for ever.**
- 31 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that God has done.**