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OUR WORSHIP

Holy Waste

SERVICE THEME In our Gospel Reading, Mary wastes expensive perfume – which cost a whole year's worth of wages – anointing Jesus' feet. Why does she do it? Why would any of us offer such an extravagant *waste* to Jesus? Or, are we more practical, like Judas?

+ Preparing Ourselves to Hear God's Word +

INVITATION TO THE FEAST Isaiah 25:6-9

Pastor: On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,

People: a banquet of aged wine – the best of meats and the finest of wines.

Pastor: On this mountain He will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;

People: He will swallow up death forever.

Pastor: The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces;

People: He will remove His people's disgrace from all the earth.

Pastor: The LORD has spoken. In that day they will say,

People: "Surely this is our God; we trusted in Him, and He saved us.

This is the LORD, we trusted in Him;

Pastor: Therefore, let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation."

SONG OF REJOICING *LSB page 155* "This Is the Feast"

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength,
And honor, blessing, and glory are His.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory and might Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb, who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION *LSB 702, vv. 1-2* “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Pastor: I have to admit that I myself and every congregation I have served is more in line with Judas’ practical advice than following Mary’s extravagant gesture.

**My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine, Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away; O let me from this day Be wholly Thine!**

Pastor: What would motivate Mary to make such an extravagant gesture? It was nothing less than perceiving that Jesus would die for her. Let us pray that our fainting hearts may be strengthened, our zeal inspired, and our love become a living fire!

**May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart;
My zeal inspire! As Thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to Thee Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!**

+ Hearing God’s Word for Us +

OLD TESTAMENT READING Leviticus 1:3-4, 10, 12-13

³“If the offering is a burnt offering from the herd, you are to offer a male without defect. You must present it at the entrance to the tent of meeting so that it will be acceptable to the LORD. ⁴You are to lay your hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it will be accepted on your behalf to make atonement for you.

¹⁰ If the offering is a burnt offering from the flock, from either the sheep or the goats, you are to offer a male without defect. . . ¹²You are to cut it into pieces . . .

¹³ and the priest is to bring all of them and burn them on the altar. It is a burnt offering, a food offering, an aroma pleasing to the LORD.

EPISTLE READING Romans 12:1-2

¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Pastor: These Readings are the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING John 12:1-8

Pastor: The Gospel Reading is from the Gospel of John, the disciple whom Jesus loved, the twelfth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹² Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ² Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with Him. ³ Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

⁴ But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray Him, objected, ⁵ "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." ⁶ He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

⁷ "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. ⁸ You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have Me."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "Extravagant"

MESSAGE HYMN LSB 425 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

**When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.**

**See, from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrows and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!**

MESSAGE "Holy Waste"

Introduction

The Old Testament burnt offering – "What a waste!"

Mary's extravagant gesture – "What a waste!"

Judas' Words

The \$\$\$ this perfume cost could do some real good for hurting people.

Churches through the centuries have been reasonable, utilitarian.

Mary's Motivation

"She saved this perfume for the day of My burial."

Jesus' is more extravagant than Mary – He gives Himself.

Conclusion

What does this mean for us?

+ Our Response to God's Word +

OFFERING *tune: LSB 783* "Take My Life and Let It Be"

**Take my life and let it be,
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.**

**Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I with-hold;
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be thy royal throne.**

**Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.**

PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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!

+ The Lord's Supper – the Visible Word +

PREFACE

Pastor: Christ commands us: "This do in remembrance of Me"; therefore, the Sacrament of the Altar was instituted that the faith of those who use the Sacrament should remember what benefits it receives through Christ, and cheer and comfort the anxious conscience. For to remember Christ is to remember His benefits, and to realize that they are truly offered unto us. [*Augsburg Confession*]

JESUS' WORDS

THE LAMB OF GOD *tune LSB 537 [CM]*

**According to Thy gracious word,
In meek humility,
This will I do, my dying Lord,
I will remember Thee.**

**Thy body, broken for my sake,
My bread from heaven shall be;
Thy testamental cup I take,
And thus remember Thee.**

**When to the cross I turn mine eyes,
And rest on Calvary,
O Lamb of God, my Sacrifice,
I must remember Thee;**

**Remember Thee, and all Thy pains,
And all Thy love to me:
Yea, while a breath, a pulse remains
I will remember Thee.**

**And when these failing lips grow dumb,
And mind and memory flee,
When Thou shalt in Thy Kingdom come,
Jesus, remember me.**

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COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Father, in this Supper, we remember that Jesus gave all He had that we might be His treasured possession. Increase our faith that we, having experienced such extravagant love, may be strengthened, inspired, and enabled to love others extravagantly. We ask in Jesus' precious name, the Same who lives with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: AMEN!

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord is blessing you and keeping you;
The Lord is making His face to shine on you
and He is being gracious to you;
The Lord is smiling the biggest smile when He thinks of you,
and He is giving you peace.

People: Amen!

SENDING SONG *The Other Song Book 174* "Prayer of Saint Francis"

**Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love.
Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord.
And where there's doubt, true faith in You.**

**Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness only light.
And where there's sadness ever joy.**

**Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand.
To be loved as to love with all my soul.**

**Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all men that we receive.
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

NEXT SUNDAY

THEME: Finding One's Self Through Losing One's Self

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "How Do You Feel When You Lose Something?"

MESSAGE: "Finding Your Self"