

PRELUDE "Variations on GROSSER GOTT"

WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

OPENING LITURGY based on Psalm 51

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Job 41:1, 9, 18-20, 33 [NIV]

¹"Can you pull in Leviathan with a fishhook or tie down its tongue with a rope?
⁹Any hope of subduing it is false; the mere sight of it is overpowering.
¹⁸Its snorting throws out flashes of light; its eyes are like the rays of dawn.
¹⁹Flames stream from its mouth; sparks of fire shoot out.
²⁰Smoke pours from its nostrils as from a boiling pot over burning reeds.
³³Nothing on earth is its equal—a creature without fear.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 6:14-29 [NIV]

¹⁴King Herod heard about this, for Jesus' name had become well known. Some were saying, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him." ¹⁵Others said, "He is Elijah." And still others claimed, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago." ¹⁶But when Herod heard this, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!"

¹⁷For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married. ¹⁸For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to, ²⁰because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled; yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²²When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests. The king said to the girl, "Ask me for anything you want, and I'll give it to you." ²³And he promised her with an oath, "Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom." ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?"

"The head of John the Baptist," she answered. ²⁵At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: "I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison, ²⁸and brought back his head on a platter. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother. ²⁹On hearing of this, John's disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

CREEDAL HYMN "We Believe"

SERMON "LEVIATHAN"

THE PEOPLE of PEACE in PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER The Family Prayer of the People of God

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC "My Song is Love Unknown"

Voices of Peace

arr. Molly Ijames

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

CLOSING LITURGY

CLOSING RESPONSE "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God"

POSTLUDE "Trumpet Tune on GROSSER GOTT"

arr. Jeffrey Blersch

SERMON: *Rev. James L. Mueller* LITURGIST: *Rev. Morgan Hamilton*

CONNECT

- Easter Hams Now Available to Purchase Online! | Deadline to order: March 26
- HS Coffee & Bible Study | Sunday, March 18 | 6:15-7:45pm @ Kindred Coffee
- Confirmation Game Night | Sunday, March 25 | 6-8pm | Register Online
- Youth Fundraiser @ El Wine Chateau | Saturday, March 24 @ 2pm
 Limited Seating Be sure to register before all the spots are gone
- Men's Night | Tuesday, March 27 | 6:30-8:00pm | BYOB | Register Online
- Easter Eggstravaganza | Saturday, March 31 | 9:00-11:00am
 - We need volunteers for this event! Register to volunteer online
 - Now accepting Easter Egg donations! Bins are located by the nursery & church office. Make sure the eggs are filled with candy and securely closed.
- Holy Week Worship Schedule
 - Palm Sunday Worship w/ communion | March 25 | 8:30 & 11:00am
 - Maundy Thursday Worship w/ communion | March 29 | 7:00pm
 - Good Friday Worship | March 30 | 7:00pm
 - Easter Sunrise Worship | April 1 | 7:00am
 - Easter Celebration Worship / April 1 / 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00am

For more events, visit our website or download our mobile app!

