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INTROIT: What shall I repay to the LORD for all the good that He has done to me?

I shall lift up the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the LORD.

I shall fulfil my vows to the LORD, right in the presence of all His people.

The death of His faithful people is precious in the sight of the LORD.

O LORD, I am indeed Your servant. I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant. You have undone the chains on my feet.

I shall offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to You, and I shall call on the name of the LORD.

I shall fulfil my vows to the LORD, right in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the house of the LORD, in the middle of you, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

Psalm 116:12-19

COLLECT: O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

READINGS: Exodus 24:3-11 Moses seals the covenant between God and the Israelites.

Hebrews 9:11-22 "Christ is the Mediator of the new Covenant."

Matthew 26:17-30 Jesus institutes the Lord's Supper

SERMON: Psalm 143 The penitent thirsts for the LORD

¹ O LORD, listen to my prayer! Open Your ears to my pleas for favour! Answer me in Your faithfulness and in Your righteousness!

² Do not bring Your servant into judgment! For in Your sight there is no one alive who is righteous.

³ For the enemy has been pursuing my life. He has crushed my life to the ground. He has been making me live in dark places, like those who have died long ago.

⁴ Therefore my spirit inside me has become faint. My heart inside me has been overcome with numbness.

⁵ I remember the days of long ago. I have been meditating on all that You have done. I am meditating on what Your hands have done.

⁶ I have been spreading out my hands to You. My soul is thirsting for You like a parched land.

⁷ Answer me quickly, O LORD! My spirit has been wasting away. Do not hide Your face from me, or I shall be like those who are going down into the pit!

⁸ Cause me to hear about Your mercy in the morning! For I trust in You. Cause me to know the way on which I should go! For I have been lifting up my soul to You.

⁹ Rescue me from my enemies, O LORD! I have come to You to conceal myself away.

¹⁰ Teach me to do what You desire! For You are my God. May Your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

¹¹ For Your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life! In Your righteousness, bring my soul out of trouble!

¹² In Your mercy You will silence my enemies, and destroy all who are hostile toward me! For I am Your servant.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good Friday

8.30am OAK HC

8.30am TMBA PR JZ

10.00am GRN HC

10.30am AUB PR JZ

Easter Sunday

8.30am TMBA HC

8.30am OAK PR JZ

10.00am GRN PR JZ

10.30am AUB HC

The Lord's Supper has always been seen as a sign of unity between those who commune together at the Lord's table (1 Cor. 10:17). When Christians partake of the Lord's Supper in a church body that has a confession of faith, they thereby declare that they believe that they are one in faith with those who commune with them. Since people cannot honestly hold two differing confessions at the same time, they cannot honestly commune with those whose confession is in conflict with their own. If any do this nevertheless, they deny their own confession, and so deny Christ Himself (2 Cor. 6:14-18). **We ask visitors who are communicant members in a church not in fellowship with the AELC, or are not familiar with the *AELC Statement of Faith*, to refrain from communing tonight. If you have questions, please speak with the pastor after service.**