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## Order of Worship December 23, 2018

Preparing Our Hearts: If you arrive a little early, prepare your heart for worship by reading and thinking about this text:

- *Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation. (Ps. 42:5 ESV)*

### Call to Worship:

- God calls us to worship
  - *Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD! (Ps. 150:1-6 ESV)*
- We humbly respond with praise
  - “God Made Low”
  - “Angels from The Realms of Glory”

### Gospel Assurance:

- Our need for Jesus
  - *If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. (1 Cor. 13:1-3 ESV)*
  - Prayer of Confession
- God’s grace
  - *For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. (2 Cor. 5:14-15 ESV)*
  - “O Holy Night”

- “Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

What We Believe: As a church we want to affirm our unity in what we believe.

- *We believe that Jesus was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory. Amen (1 Tim. 3:16 ESV)*

Prayer: We bring our requests to the Lord through Jesus Christ.

Church Life/Greeting: In Christ, we live and fellowship together as believers. We take time to learn what is going on in our church, and to greet one another as we worship.

Prayer for Understanding: We pray that God will open our hearts and minds to the preaching of His Word.

Sermon:

- Mark 14:32-42 (Martell Sánchez)

Lord's Supper: In taking communion together, we remember the death of Christ as we proclaim it to one another as we consume the elements.

- “He Who Is Mighty”

Praise to God (Doxology): We end our time of worship together as we resound in praises together.

- “Your Name”

God Blesses: We go into the world this week with God's blessings as He enables us to serve Him.

- *And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Phil. 4:7 ESV)*

***Jesus Prays in Gethsemane***

Mark 14:32-42

Pastor Martell Sánchez

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### Small Group Discussion Questions

1. In this week's text, we noticed how Jesus prayed just prior to drinking "this cup" that was before him (verses 35-36). Sometimes it helps us understand these types of metaphors better when we see how they were used in the Old Testament. Read Isaiah 51:17 and Jeremiah 25:15-18. What, exactly, do you think Jesus was referring to when he asked for "this cup" to be removed? What does the text teach you about Jesus' commitment to submit to and accept the Father's will?
2. What does the example of Jesus' vigilance and prayer teach you about facing intense trials with faithfulness to God? Why would Jesus tell the three disciples to watch and pray that they not enter into temptation (verse 38)? What connection do you see between being spiritually watchful, praying, and being faithful to the Lord when facing trials?
3. How does today's text encourage you in your own prayer life? How does Jesus' willingness to drink "this cup" on your behalf affect you?

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**Next Week:** 2 Corinthians 4:7-15