**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**for Sunday, January 14th, 2024 at 10:45 AM**

**Opening Song** – Wonderful, Merciful Savior

**Announcements**

**Gospel Greeting** – To all the saints in Christ Jesus . . . with the overseers and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Phil. 1:1b-2

**Call to Worship Song** – NTH 734 – Gloria Patri

**Call to Worship** – The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he! Psalm 99:1-3

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise** – NTH 172 – Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

**Reading of the Law** – Luke 10:25-28

*(Silent Confession of Sin)*

**Psalm of Confession** – NTH 551 – How Blest Is He Whose Trespass (from Psalm 32)

**Assurance of Pardon** – What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised— who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Rom. 8:31-34

**Exhortation to Give** – For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. – 2 Cor. 8:9

**Collection with Prayer** (Offertory: NTH 254 – Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed)

**Doxology** – NTH 733

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Hymn of Preparation** – NTH 274 – Thine Be the Glory

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Zechariah 12:10-13:9 / NT: John 19:28-42

Zechariah 12:10–13:9 (ESV)

10 “And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn. 11 On that day the mourning in Jerusalem will be as great as the mourning for Hadad-rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. 12 The land shall mourn, each family by itself: the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves; 13 the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the Shimeites by itself, and their wives by themselves; 14 and all the families that are left, each by itself, and their wives by themselves. 1 “On that day there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness. 2 “And on that day, declares the Lord of hosts, I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, so that they shall be remembered no more. And also I will remove from the land the prophets and the spirit of uncleanness. 3 And if anyone again prophesies, his father and mother who bore him will say to him, ‘You shall not live, for you speak lies in the name of the Lord.’ And his father and mother who bore him shall pierce him through when he prophesies. 4 “On that day every prophet will be ashamed of his vision when he prophesies. He will not put on a hairy cloak in order to deceive, 5 but he will say, ‘I am no prophet, I am a worker of the soil, for a man sold me in my youth.’ 6 And if one asks him, ‘What are these wounds on your back?’ he will say, ‘The wounds I received in the house of my friends.’ 7 “Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, against the man who stands next to me,” declares the Lord of hosts. “Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered; I will turn my hand against the little ones. 8 In the whole land, declares the Lord, two thirds shall be cut off and perish, and one third shall be left alive. 9 And I will put this third into the fire, and refine them as one refines silver, and test them as gold is tested. They will call upon my name, and I will answer them. I will say, ‘They are my people’; and they will say, ‘The Lord is my God.’ ”

John 19:28–42 (ESV)

28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” 29 A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. 30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. 31 Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. 32 So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. 33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. 34 But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. 35 He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. 36 For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” 37 And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.” 38 After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. 39 Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. 40 So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. 41 Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. 42 So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** – An Exposition of John 19:31-42: “Jesus, Dead and Buried”

Jesus, the perfect Passover Lamb, is dead and buried for you – in fulfillment of Scripture.

1. Jesus is confirmed dead – that you may believe He died for you. (John 19:31-37)
2. Jesus is buried as a King – to deliver you from the grave. (John 19:38-42)

**Prayer of Application**

**Psalm of Response** – Psalm 34:15-22 (from *Sing Psalms.* Tune: “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”)

**Psalm 34:15-22**

15 The LORD’s eyes are upon the just;

 he listens to their plea.

16 The wicked he rejects, and blots

 from earth their memory.

17 The righteous cry; the LORD responds

 and frees them when distressed.

18 The LORD draws near the broken heart

 and rescues the depressed.

19 From all the troubles of the just

 the LORD will set him free.

20 The LORD protects his every bone;

 and broken none will be.

21 The wicked are condemned to death,

 all those who hate the just.

22 God saves his own; they’re not condemned,

 for in the LORD they trust.

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**Benediction** – Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word. 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17