***Introit (Psalm 116)***

P: The Lord is righteous and full of grace,

C: Our God is full of mercy.

P: I love the Lord because He attended me.

C: He attended my cry for mercy.

P: Because He attends me,

C: I will call to Him all my life.

P: Death surrounded me. The pain of death grabbed me.

C: I suffered much.

P: Then I called on the name of the Lord,

C: Lord, I pray, save my soul!

P: The Lord is righteous and full of grace,

C: Our God is full of mercy.

***Prayer for God’s Word***

P: Lord, You gave us this wonderful gift, the Lord’s Supper, for us to remember Your suffering. Here You give us Your body and blood. Make us receive this gift in faith, then our lives will always show Your saving work. Jesus lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (copy) Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson is from Exodus chapter 24.

 MOSES told the people the words from the Lord and all His right laws. The people said together, “Everything the Lord said, we will do.” MOSES wrote all the words from the Lord.

 Early-in-the-morning, MOSES got-up and built an altar near the mountain. He made 12 pillars for the 12 families in ISRAEL. He sent young men to the people of ISRAEL, then the people gave burnt sacrifices, and they sacrificed OXEN (cows) for peace to the Lord. Moses took the blood from the animals. He put half the blood in bowls, and he threw half the blood on the altar. Then MOSES read the book of God’s promise for the people. The people said, “Everything the Lord said, we will do. We will obey.”

 MOSES took the blood and sprinkled that on the people. Moses said, “Look, the blood of God’s promise. The Lord made His promise for you, the same-as all His words said.”

 Then MOSES, AARON, NADAB, ABIHU, and 70 of the elders in ISRAEL all went up the mountain. They saw ISRAEL’s God. Under His feet, there was something like pavement made with sapphire, clear the same-as the sky. God didn’t hurt the leaders of ISRAEL. They saw God and they ate and drank.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The New Testament lesson is from 1 Corinthians chapter 10.

 We bless the cup of blessing. That cup means we are joined with Christ’s blood. We break the bread. That bread means we are joined with Christ’s body. There is one bread. We are many people, but we are joined-together in one body because we eat from the one bread.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The Gospel lesson is from Mark chapter 14.

C: (copy) Glory to You, O Lord.

 On the first day for UNLEAVENED (flat) BREAD, the same day people sacrificed the lamb for PASSOVER, Jesus’ disciples asked, “Where do You want us to prepare the PASSOVER for You?”

 Jesus sent two disciples and said, “Go into the city. A man carrying a water jar will meet you. Follow him. When he enters a house, tell the house master, ‘The Teacher asks, Where is the visitor room where I can eat the PASSOVER with My disciples?’ He will show you a large room upstairs, ready for us. Prepare there.” The disciples went into the city. Everything happened the same-as Jesus said, and they prepared the PASSOVER.

 That evening, Jesus and the disciples arrived. They sat at the table and ate. Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, one of you eating with me, you will betray Me.”

 The disciples were very sad and each one said, “You mean me?”

 Jesus said, “One of you twelve disciples, the one taking bread and dipping in the bowl with Me. The Son of Man will go the same-as the Bible says. But terrible for that man who betrays the Son of Man! Better for him if he was never born.”

 While they ate, Jesus took bread, blessed that, and He broke the bread and gave to His disciples. He said, “Take this, this is My body.” And He took the cup. He thanked God, then He gave to them and they all drank from it. He said, “This is My blood of promise, poured-out for many people. I tell you the truth, I will not drink this wine again until that day I drink this in a new way in the kingdom of God.”

 They all sang together, then they went to the MOUNT of OLIVES.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (copy) Praise to You, O Christ.