

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Matthew 26:26-30 p. 30 (NT)

SERMON *"A New Passover"* Pastor Waldis

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Meaning of the Sacrament (Responsive) insert

Invitation

Communion Prayer (Responsive) insert

Communion

Communion Thanksgiving (Responsive) insert

Our Response to God

CHANCEL CHOIR *"Father, Forgive"* Dengler/Dengler
Rhoda Tillack, violin

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN *"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"* #316

After the singing of the final hymn, please leave the sanctuary in silence.

Meaning of the Sacrament

Leader: Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, the holy supper which we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and of hope.

People: **We come in remembrance that our Lord Jesus Christ was sent of the Father into the world to assume our flesh and blood and to fulfill for us all obedience to the divine law, even to the bitter and shameful death of the cross.**

Leader: By His death, resurrection, and ascension He established a new and eternal covenant of grace and reconciliation that we might be accepted of God and never be forsaken by Him.

People: **We come to have communion with this same Christ who has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the world.**

Leader: In the breaking of the bread He makes Himself known to us as the true heavenly bread that strengthens us unto life eternal.

People: **In the cup of blessing He comes to us as the Vine in whom we must abide if we are to bear fruit.**

Leader: We come in hope, believing that this bread and this cup are a pledge and foretaste of the feast of love of which we shall partake when His kingdom has fully come, when with unveiled face we shall behold Him, made like unto Him in His glory.

People: **Since by His death, resurrection, and ascension Christ has obtained for us the life-giving Spirit who unites us all in one body, so are we to receive this Supper in true love, mindful of the communion of saints.**

Communion Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore Your glorious name.

People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

People: **Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

Communion Thanksgiving

Leader: Brothers and sisters, since the Lord has now fed us at His Table, let us praise God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving! Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

People:

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all His benefits

People:

Leader: Who forgives all your iniquity,
People: Who heals all your diseases,

Leader: Who redeems your life from the Pit,
People: Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,
People: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Leader: He does not deal with us according to our sins,
People: nor repay us according to our iniquities.

Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth,
People: so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him;

Leader: As far as the east is from the west,
People: So far does He remove our transgressions from us.

Leader: As a father has compassion for his children,
People: So the Lord has compassion for those who fear him,

Leader: Who did not spare His own Son,
but gave Him up for us all,
and will also give us all things with Him.

People: Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of the Lord, from this time forth forevermore.
Amen



***Please join us for:
Good Friday Worship
Tomorrow, Friday, April 3 at 12 noon***
and

Sunday, April 5, 6:30 AM: Easter Dawn Service
Pondside Park, Blanch Avenue and Kolder Way
Harrington Park
(If it's raining, the service will be held
here in the sanctuary.)

Breakfast following in Founders' Hall

10:00 AM – Easter Celebration Worship

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