

WELCOME:

OPENING SENTENCES: (based on Psalm 116)

I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

In the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

PRAYER:

HYMN:

“An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare”

An Upper Room did our Lord prepare for those he loved until the end: and his disciples still gather there to celebrate their Risen Friend.

A lasting gift Jesus gave his own: to share his bread, his loving cup. Whatever burdens may bow us down, he by his Cross shall lift us up.

And after Supper he washed their feet for service, too, is sacrament. In Christ our joy shall be made complete – sent out to serve, as he was sent.

No end there is! We depart in peace, he loves beyond the uttermost: in every room in our Father’s house Christ will be there as Lord and Host.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

The proof of God’s amazing love is this: while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in Him, we dare approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Christ Jesus you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

SILENCE:

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

Now the Lord Jesus Christ has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.

May the God of mercy, who forgives all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

Now the promise is fulfilled, and love’s redeeming work is done: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Eternal God, by your Word and Spirit, you have given us a new commandment: to love and serve one another in Jesus’ name. Let the good news of your liberating love be sealed in our hearts and shown in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOSPEL READING:

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

CHILDREN’S TIME:

MESSAGE:

SHARING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION:

INVITATION:

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

INTERCESSIONS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER:

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP:

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION:

God of grace, we give you thanks for the feast of redemption we have shared in the body and blood of the Savior. As you have nourished us with love, let our lives proclaim your great love for the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING SENTENCES: (based on John 13 and Matthew 26)

This is our new commandment: to love one another, as Jesus loves us.

Are you still sleeping? Are you still taking your ease? The hour has come for the Son of Man to be handed over to sinful humanity.

By this everyone will know that we are Christ's disciples: that we love one another.

Get up, let us go! Look, here comes the one who is to betray me...