

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Happy are all who take refuge in him.
Let us bring our praise to God.

*HYMN No. 616

Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

CONFESSION AND PARDON

My sisters and brothers, Christ shows us his love by becoming a humble servant. Let us draw near to God and confess our sins in the truth of God's Spirit.
Most merciful God, we your Church confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ. Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us, where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him, forgive us, we pray; and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. But Christ suffered and died for us, was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us, and continues to intercede for us. Believe the good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON pg.65, 104 Exodus 12:1-14

ANTHEM

Stay with Me

(Jacques Berthier)

*GOSPEL LESSON pg. 1066, 1673 John 13:1-17, 31b-35

SERMON

Receiving the New Commandment

Dr. Keith Ray, II

RESPONDING TO THE WORD IN SILENCE

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY – No. 95

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

*TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Hymnal, p. 15

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD

*GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN No. 314

In the Garden (I Come to the Garden Alone)

*STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

This ancient practice of stripping the Lord's table and sanctuary is a vivid and dramatic way of showing the desolation and abandonment of the long night in Gethsemane and what followed. Please remain silent during this time as we visually remember the sacrifice of our Lord.

*GOING FORTH IN SILENCE

WE CONTINUE THE JOURNEY WITH JESUS as we remember his death and resurrection. On Easter Sunday you are invited to bring fresh flowers to adorn our wooden cross in the sanctuary to symbolize Christ's victory over death. Please take note of the Easter Sunday schedule:

6:30 a.m. EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE (led by our youth)
BREAKFAST FOLLOWING SUNRISE SERVICE
9:30 a.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:30 a.m. EASTER WORSHIP

On Easter Sunday, April 12, you are invited to join the community in transforming the large wooden cross that we will use in worship on Palm/Passion Sunday and Holy Thursday. Bring fresh cut flowers that can be placed on the cross to symbolize the resurrection of Jesus and give witness to the Christian faith's affirmation of life in the midst of death. Any fresh cut flowers will do. The cross of Jesus' suffering and death will become for us a symbol of hope and life, all by the grace of God



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