

Prayer at 3:00 pm:



*Psalm 116:12-14 - What shall I return to the LORD for all God's 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 God's people.*

O God, when Jesus raised the cup at the table, and got their attention, and stilled their chatter, their posturing, their bickering, did the disciples stop and listen? Did they hear the pain in Jesus' voice? Did they see his hand tremble with emotion? Did they understand that the new covenant he promised them meant an ending, a farewell to all that they knew, a death before the resurrection?

O God, when we come to a holy day like today, do we listen for what is new or different? Do we open ourselves to your leading? Do we even know that we might be grieving?

Give us courage, we pray, to raise our own cup in thanksgiving, as we ponder the meaning of every word offered: Blessed are you, O God, creator of the universe – creator of the fruit of the vine. When we drink of it, let us remember him. Amen