

the leader in a speech gives an admonition and exhortation to imitation of all these good matters. After that we stand up together and send prayers on high. As already mentioned before, having finished our prayer, bread, wine and water will be fetched, the leader says prayers of thanksgiving with all his might, and the people consent by saying the Amen. Then the distribution takes place, each receiving their part of the consecrated whole, those absent having it taken to them by the deacons.

On Sunday, however, we hold the meeting together because it is the first day at which GOD through transformation of the darkness and the primary matter created the world, and because JESUS CHRIST, our Redeemer, rose from the dead on this day. For on the day before the Saturn day he was crucified and on the day after the Saturn day, on Sunday that is, he appeared to His Apostles and disciples and taught them what we have presented also to you for contemplation."

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**Be blessed by GOD TRINITY,  
the + FATHER and the + SON  
and the + HOLY GHOST. Amen!**

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## Dedication of the Chapel The Holy Eucharist

Dearly beloved, I warmly welcome you to the dedication of the chapel here in Langnau. Just think about what that means: today we receive an Altar, a house of GOD. When in future we will gather here for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, then it is not some or other pious meeting as with the Reformed or Protestants, nay, GOD Himself will descend on this Altar and sacrifice Himself here for us in order to grant us graces.

### „Put off Your Shoes“

Really, how holy is such a room when it is consecrated! When Moses saw the burning bush on Mount Horeb and wanted to approach it, he heard the voice: „Moses! Moses!“ Moses answered: „Here I am!“ The voice went on: „Put off your shoes, for the place where you are standing is holy ground!“ (Comp. 2 Mos 3,4f)

I tell you: this place is more sacred. This chapel is like a basin full of graces. Even if you enter here for just a short genuflection, you will, provided that your heart is open for it, be filled up with these graces.

### GOD's Loving-Kindness

We should, however, also know that we will never be able to live up to the love with which GOD loves us. In "The Man-GOD" we can read that the SAVIOUR says: „You are, therefore, not able to

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ponder on the infinite perfections of GOD, and least of all GOD's loving-kindness, as it is the virtue which the mortals, along with love, least possess."

The Prophet Jonah had experienced GOD's loving-kindness himself. GOD spoke to him: „Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before Me!" (Comp. Jon 1,2)

For Jonah, however, it was so unpleasant that he wanted to flee, and he boarded a ship. But GOD caused such a violent storm to arise that the ship threatened to break up. The ship's crew cast lots to find out who was to blame for this storm, and the lot fell on Jonah. He told them that he had fled from GOD, and they asked him what they were to do now. He replied: „Pick me up and throw me into the sea, and the sea will become calm ..." They threw Jonah overboard and immediately the sea grew calm. Now GOD provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah. Three days and three nights Jonah was in the belly of the fish praying. Then GOD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land. And thus it came to pass. GOD spoke to Jonah a second time (saying basically): „Go to Nineveh and proclaim that the city will be overthrown in forty days." GOD did not say: „If you do not turn from your ways, the city will go under", but He said straightforwardly: „She will fall in forty days!" Therefore, Jonah went to Nineveh and proclaimed the disaster. Yet what happened? The king prompted the whole city to do penance covered with sackcloth and ashes. They did not even let the animals eat or drink. And it is written: „And GOD relented and did not bring on them the destruction He had threatened." (Comp. Jon 3,10)

The Prophet became quite upset about it and said to GOD (something like): „Have I not told you beforehand? That is why I wanted to flee because I knew that You are a gracious and merciful GOD, long-suffering and rich in kindness and that You regret Your threats. Now nobody will believe me any more." (Comp. Jon 4,2)

Jonah went in front of the city and GOD provided a castor oil plant and made it grow up over Jonah to give him shade and make him

happy. Jonah was very pleased about the plant and sat in the shade of this shrub. GOD, however, provided a worm which damaged the plant, and when Jonah woke up the next morning, the shrub had withered. As Jonah did not have any shade any more, he became very furious again. And GOD spoke to him (roughly): „Now, Jonah, because of such a leafy plant you are shaken and sad, and make such a fuss about this shrub, which you have not even planted. Should I not under these circumstances have compassion with the thousands of people in this city?" – That is what GOD means with 'loving-kindness'.

### **The Holy Eucharist**

I constantly hear people speak about the "LORD's Supper"! Oh no! The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is not only the LORD's Supper! At the same time it is the unbloody making present of the Sacrifice of the Cross of JESUS CHRIST! Today I would like to read something out to you, which was written by the martyr and Priest Justin. He was a heathen scholar, became a Christian and was beheaded in the year 165. To him we owe the oldest account of the liturgy of the Eucharist.

He writes: „We call this nourishment Eucharist. Nobody is allowed to take part except one who believes our teachings, has received the bath for the remission of sins and for the new birth, and lives according to the instructions of CHRIST. ..." Furthermore, Justin explains that they do not partake of the Eucharist as common bread and common drink, but that this food consecrated previously will be changed into Flesh and Blood of JESUS CHRIST ... For the Apostles have thus passed it on in the Gospels. (Comp. original text 'First Apologia' 66)

### **The Sunday**

St Justin writes about the Sunday: „On the day which is called Sunday a meeting takes place of all those who live in cities or in the country; then the memorabilities of the Apostles or the writings of the Prophets are being read as long as there is time. When the reader has finished,