

Communion Liturgy

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to our God.

Let us give thanks to the living God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, God of all creation, Source of all mercies, Fount of love beyond all measure. It is fitting and right to give you thanks and praise, and to adore you with grateful hearts and voices.

For wondrously you have created heaven and earth, hovering in gracious care over all that you have made. You formed us as your image of love in the world. Yet even more wondrously, when we distorted your image, you called us back again and again, forgiving us, delivering us from captivity to sin and death, feeding, healing, reconciling, making covenant, and setting before us the way which leads to life.

Therefore, with your people in all ages, in communion with the saints and with the whole company of heaven, we join the glad song of unending praise:

Holy, holy, holy God,

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 our God.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed be your name, gracious God, for you gave us Jesus, who emptied himself that we might be filled, who suffered and died that we might live. He fed the hungry, healed the afflicted, and ate with the scorned and forgotten of this world. He washed the disciples' feet and gave a holy meal as a feast of his ever-present love.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore, remembering Christ's life of ministry and service, his suffering, death and resurrection, his ascending to glory and his abiding presence through the power of your Holy Spirit, we come in praise and thanksgiving with these gifts of your love, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us gathered here in Christ's name, and upon these gifts, that they may be for us his body and blood; and so feed us with his grace that, in union with Christ, we may become a living offering to you.

Remember, God of all mercy, those who suffer this day from injustice or poverty, with no place to call home. Remember those who are sick, imprisoned or troubled, and those who face death with no one to comfort them.

Transform us into the image and likeness of Christ, that we may faithfully serve others in his name, and look forward to the final feast in which all shall be gathered as one at your table and all manner of things shall be well.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory and blessing is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Breaking the Bread and Raising the Cup

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