

Communion Liturgy

(from Celebrate God's Presence using Prayer of Thanksgiving C)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God,

Creator of light, Giver of all life, Source of love.

You guide the sun, cradle the moon, and toss the stars.

At your word the earth was made

and spun on its course among the planets.

You breathe life into us

and set us among all your creatures,

in a covenant of love and service.

Even when we turn away from you,

you do not forsake us.

You send your prophets to proclaim your justice,

to remind us of your promise of peace,

and to call us back to you.

Creator, Christ, and Spirit,

we praise you for your love revealed to us in Jesus,

who walks with us, our Wisdom and our Way,

sharing our joy and sorrow, healing the sick,

feeding the hungry, and setting the captive free.

So it is that we join the song of all creation to

proclaim your goodness:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

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 the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Mighty and tender God, in Jesus of Nazareth

we recognize the fullness of your grace:

light, life, and love, revealed

in words that confront and comfort us,

in teachings that challenge and change us,

in compassion that heals and frees us.

And now we gather at this table to remember

and to be filled with such longing for your realm,

that we may rise together to turn our worship

into witness and to follow in your way.

We remember that when Jesus ate with his friends,

he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it,

he broke it and gave it to them, saying:

"Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.

Each time you do this, remember me."

Then, he took a cup, and after giving thanks,

passed it to his friends, saying:

"Drink. This cup that is poured out for you

is the promise of God, made in my blood.

Whenever you drink it, remember me."

Loving God, we rejoice in the gift of your grace,

remembering Christ's life and death,

proclaiming his resurrection,

waiting in hope for his coming again.

Grant that, in praise and thanksgiving,

we may so offer ourselves to you
that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.**

Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these
gifts, that all who share in this loaf and cup may be the
body of Christ:

light, life, and love in the world.

In this hope and as your people, we praise you.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, God most holy,
now and forever.

Amen.

Carlisle:

*(Choir is invited down first. Then any who wish to
remain seated for communion are served. You are
invited to come forward for communion, standing in
groups of 6 or so at the front.)*

Communion by intinction: Take your bread and dip
it in the chalice. Consume the elements when served or
moved to do so.

*When all in the group are served and when you are
ready you may return to your seats and the next group
will come forward.)*

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

The Bread of Life broken for you.

Amen OR Thanks Be to God.

The Cup of Blessing poured out for you.

Amen OR Thanks Be to God.

Prayer after Communion

One: Eternal and gracious One, though we live in a
world of need,

**All: here we have tasted your goodness
and hungered for a world more just.**

One: Though afflicted by brokenness and division,

**All: here we have heard your call
to be a people of healing community.**

One: Though daily we touch our limits,

**All: here we have received
the fullness of your grace.**

One: Send us forth, O God,

All: united in faith, in hope, and in love. Amen.

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IT MAY BE USED AGAIN. THANK YOU!***