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After supper, he took the cup from the table, and said, ""This is the cup of blessing, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins."" And he asked us to do the same in remembrance of him.

So again we say

**All: Come, Spirit, Come, and fill these with your Presence!**

**Amen.**

(One) The body of Christ,  
birthed in a stable, broken on a  
cross.

Eat this and receive new life and hope.

The Cup of Blessing shared for all the world.  
Drink this and celebrate the joy and peace of  
Christ's presence.

All elements are without alcohol or gluten so all may participate.  
If you would like a server to come to you, please send word up  
to the front through someone coming up. We will hold  
everything until all are served, and then we will partake at the  
same time.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

**For Bread and drink that nourishes us**

**For community that sustains us**

**We give thanks.**

**May Christmas be born again  
not in a manger, but in us.**

**May our lives be a Bethlehem, where Love is revealed  
and all things and all people are made new. Amen"**



## HOLY COMMUNION – Dec. 14, 2025



### **Invitation to Christ's Table**

"We've made the journey to Bethlehem. Is everybody here?  
Who's missing in our celebration of Christmas?  
Now that they're gathered, look at the figures of the crèche.  
Look around the circle of people gathered here this morning.  
Consider the various circles in your life of which you are a part.  
Consider those who are beyond the circle of your reach.  
Who's missing in our celebration of Christmas?  
Is everybody here?"

There is an invitation here for each of us  
to come to the stable and gather round this table  
to follow the star and find Emmanuel - "God-with us" among us.

So come:

Bring the parts of yourself you are reluctant to bring -  
your disappointments, your fears, your sadness.  
Bring those you are carrying in your mind and heart,  
who you rather not bring because of a broken relationship,  
a hurt, a lingering cry for forgiveness.  
Bring those you hold in prayer who are beyond this gathered  
circle, and are in need of ""good news"" this Christmas:  
those who are struggling with illness or grief,

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those who are hungry,  
those who are sleeping in the cold,  
those who are caught in the ravages of war.  
Come, expand this cast of characters to include you and me,  
and all who we carry.

Come, as people have come, all through the ages.  
bringing our dreams,  
lighting a pathway for peace  
seeking to enter the Mystery of Christmas.

Come to the stable - gather round the table bring the offering  
of your gifts  
bring the gift of you.

We gather around the manger with gratitude:  
In human flesh, Jesus came and humbly lived among us,  
teaching us the wisdom of Love  
and bringing hope for a better world to birth.

We gather around this table and offer gratitude:  
for the gifts of love that sustain and nurture us  
for this ancient story and the gift of song,  
for ordinary blessings of food and drink and shelter  
for community, friends and family  
for the wonder and delight of simple things.

We pray we may find Love's presence not only in the warm  
memories of Bethlehem,  
but take the gifts of peace, hope, love and joy  
into our daily living.

Daily, weekly, monthly, yearly, always - we pray as Jesus taught  
us saying.....

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**.....Our Mother/Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

O God, May we be Christ's presence, Love incarnate,  
as we offer friendship to people forgotten and excluded,  
ease the pain of friends who are lonely and grieving,  
care for those who are hurting, ill, lost and afraid.

We gather at this table  
as a community of love and hope.  
We pray a blessing upon this  
ordinary bread and wine:

**ALL: Come, Spirit, come.  
Fill this bread and this cup with your Presence.  
Come, Spirit, come.  
Fill we who have gathered with Love.**

One: Together we sing this blessing the angels taught:  
**(All) Glory, Glory, Glory! God of Power and Might! Heaven and Earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

(One) Jesus told us, on the night of his betrayal, to welcome all and showed us by example how to lead through service. He took bread, gave God thanks, and broke the bread. He said, ""Take and eat. This is my body. Broken for you.""