

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You have made from one every nation and people to live on all the face of the earth. You bless us with your presence that we may walk in your ways and love as you love.

And so, with all your people on earth and all the company of heaven who have gone before us we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SUNG RESPONSE: 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.

Leader: Holy are you, and holy is the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, who taught us how to love and serve one another, and who poured out his life for the healing of the world.

On that night before his death, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to the 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, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Drink from this, all of you; this is my life in 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.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts of love and grace, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as children of your covenant, in union with Christ’s love for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

SUNG RESPONSE: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may become one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, broken and poured out for the healing of the world, until all are raised from injustice, misery, and pain. Steadfast Creator, Trusting Servant, Spirit of Resurrection, we praise your holy and eternal name.

SUNG RESPONSE: Amen.

RECEIVING THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING (unison) **Eternal God, we thank you for your presence in this holy feast. May we know the presence of Jesus among us. Take us from this table, raised and restored, ready not to be served but to serve, in the power of the Spirit. Amen.**

