

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. In the beginning, you called all that is into being. Your love broke forth, summoning creation to your vision of peace. When we failed you – rejoicing in our own wrongdoing, boasting of our own power – you sent your prophets to call us back to you.

Your righteousness tears down everything that hinders your grace and you build a new way of living for us, planting seeds of hope that grow for the healing of creation.

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: You sent Jesus to walk the paths of love in our midst: teaching us the ways of justice and truth, healing our brokenness, speaking your wisdom. He reached out beyond his own community, carrying your grace into the wider world. Through him you gave us the gift of love – love that bears, believes, hopes, and endures all things.

Jesus gathered at the table with his companions. He took the bread, gave thanks to you, and shared it with his friends.

This is the bread of life; this is the offering of love. Let us remember Jesus as we share it together.

At the end of the meal, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, and shared it with his friends. This is the cup of joy; this is the offering of love. Let us remember Jesus as we share it together.

And as we remember, we offer our lives to the One whose name is Love, rejoicing in God's gift to us as we proclaim the mystery of the faith that is ours in Christ Jesus.

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

Leader: Send forth your Spirit upon us, O God. Touch our hearts with your power and your love, that we may be the body of Christ, love incarnate.

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts of bread and juice that they may be the presence of Christ in our lives, nourishing us for the work of love.

Through Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit in your holy church, we praise you continually, Almighty God.

SUNG RESPONSE: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING: Holy God, in the power of this blessed Sacrament, you give yourself to us once again in Jesus, our Savior and Friend. May these elements provide strength for the journey of faith that we will continue in his name. Amen.

