The Sacrament of Holy Communion for Kingdomtide

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 you thanks, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image, and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation.

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

* Sung by All: 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 blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from

slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. At his ascension you exalted him to sit and reign with you at your right hand.

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 miraculous acts in Christ Jesus, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as children of your promise, living and dreaming your hope, and proclaiming the mystery of our faith.

* Sung by All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, that we might be sealed in your everlasting covenant. Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and juice, that they might be vessels of help and hope on this day and always.

Live in us, that by your Spirit, we might be one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at your heavenly banquet.

Through Jesus Christ, and with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forevermore.

* Sung by All: Amen.

Receiving the Elements Prayer after Receiving

