

The Sacrament of Holy Communion for World Communion Sunday



Leader: God be with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: We lift them up to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the God of unity and love.

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

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God creator of heaven and earth.

In the beginning, you swept across the earth with your Spirit of life and renewal. From the earth's first gardens to mountaintop storms, you have spoken and called us into covenant to be your holy people throughout the world.

When we wandered away and fell short of your call, you spoke yet again, calling us to walk in your ways. From laws on tablets to warnings from prophets, you have spoken your truth and renewed your covenant with all your people, reviving our souls and rekindling our holy calling with your grace and love.

And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven 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 blessed is your holy name. In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus Christ to call us to new life and renewed faith. With a holy calling, Christ calls to us even now, reviving our journey of discipleship with Christians around your world and strengthening our life of faith.

In Christ's grace, you revive us and make us whole. As children of your new covenant, sealed by water and the Spirit, we come to you now with joy and gratitude, remembering how Jesus shared bread and juice, reaffirming his bond with his most faithful disciples, even as they faced their deepest fears and their greatest sins.

On the night before his death, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his 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, 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."

As so, in remembrance of these your life-giving acts of love and grace, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as children of your covenant, renewed and redeemed by your grace, in union with Christ's love for us, his faithful disciples around the world, 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, 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.

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 as we join with one another in this holy Sacrament.

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

**Receiving the Elements of Holy Communion
Prayer After Receiving**

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Leader: Today, on World Communion Sunday, we remember that we are one. Today, we celebrate the Spirit of God that moves throughout God's people across all of creation.

People: We are one in Christ.

Leader: Today we remember our responsibility to bear with one another in love, to maintain unity by the bond of peace and to be the body of Christ in the world.

People: We are one body.

Leader: Today we recall that, as members of one body, we can make a difference in a world of people in need of the hope of the love of Christ. Today, we recognize this hope that unites us and sustains us.

People: We are people of one hope.

Leader: Today we celebrate our unity. We set aside the small things that can divide us and remember that, with God, we can overcome all things. Today we hold one another close to home and throughout the world

People: We are people of one Lord. Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

