

Communion Liturgy

THE INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all you who love Him, who truly are turning from sin and who are seeking to live in love and peace with your neighbors.

Draw near with faith, and take this Holy Sacrament to your comfort, as we confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Let us pray:

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus, Maker of all things, Judge of all people: We admit our sin before You- by thought, word and deed. We earnestly repent, and are truly sorry for what we have done- and not done; even the memory of these is a burden to us.

And so we ask You to have mercy upon us, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ and all that He did for us.

Forgive us all that is past; And help us to love and serve You in newness of life from this day forward, To the honor and glory of your name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news of the Gospel:

In His great mercy, our Almighty God and Heavenly Father has promised forgiveness of sins to all who repent and with true faith turn to Him. May He have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and even our joyful duty, to give thanks to You in all places and all times, Father, Almighty. You are the source of all truth, life, and love. You made us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When, in our sinfulness, we turned away from You and our love failed,

your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, covenanted to be our God, and called us to a new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, we praise You with the angels, and archangels, and all the company of Heaven, forever singing this hymn to the glory of your name:

**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!**

CONSECRATION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Who of your tender mercy gave your only Son Jesus Christ: Who died on the cross for our redemption; Who made there, by the one offering of Himself, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world;

And Who, on the same night that He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, and eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, He took the cup; and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying,

"Drink from this, all of you; for this is my blood of the New Covenant, which has been poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins; As often as you drink this cup, do it in remembrance of Me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Father, as we receive these gifts from your hand, sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit. Sanctify us also, that we may be set apart for You. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ and one as your church, that Christ may dwell in us and we in Him. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

Let us pray:

O gracious Lord, we do not presume to come to your table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs from under your table;

But You are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, in our eating the bread and drinking the cup, your blessing and cleansing as we honor and surrender to You. In Jesus name, amen.

