

January 2, 2022

Communion Liturgy

(give people some time to get their elements out,
as many will be bringing their own)

God meets us in the sacraments,
communicating grace to us by means of water, bread, and wine.
In the Lord's supper, Christ offers his own crucified
Body and shed blood to his people,
Assuring us a share in his death and resurrection.

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

By the Holy Spirit, he feeds us with his resurrection life
And binds us to each other as we share one loaf and one cup.
**We receive this food gladly, believing as we eat
that Jesus is our life-giving food and drink
and that he will come again to call us to the wedding feast of the lamb.**

Therefore, we join with all creation yearning, with eager longing
for that day to come, the day Jesus returns to make all things new.
And so, we join the angels in praising God, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus, on the night he was betrayed,
when he was at supper with his friends,
he took bread and gave thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Christ, we welcome you.
Your broken body speaks to us
of your vulnerable and tender love.
Through your brokenness you bring healing.
So, as you have welcomed us in our brokenness,
may we welcome others in theirs.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

Christ, we welcome you.

**Your cup speaks a better word than the violence
and pay back mentality of our world.**

Through saying no to aggression, you have brought peace.

As you have forgiven us, may we forgive others.

Let us proclaim the Great mystery of faith together:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Amen.

Let us pray:

Merciful God, pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine,
that in eating and drinking we may be made into a living temple
and be made one with Christ and one another. Amen.

These are God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

This table is made ready for those who love him
and for those who want to love him more.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,

You who have been here often and you who have not been here long,

You who have tried to follow and you who have failed.

Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.

It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

Take, eat and drink, remember and believe:

the body and blood of Christ given for the complete forgiveness of all our sins
and the healing of the world.

(partake of the elements)

**Thank you, God, for you have met us with your love
and nourished us at your table.**

**As your pilgrim people, may we continue
to explore the Way of Christ**

**by reaching up to you, in toward each other,
and out to a broken and hurting world.**