

Service of Holy Communion

(Home Worship via Zoom)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. **And also with you.**

Merciful God, we do not presume to come to your table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink in this meal the presence and life of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever. **Amen**

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Blessed are you, Creator of infinite variety.

In love for your wounded creation you sent your son Jesus so that all creation might know the fullness of life through him.

We give thanks for the Risen Christ who meets us on the road and fills us with healing and hope.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts and upon these gifts of bread and cup so that we may receive Jesus with a living faith as he meets us in the breaking of the bread.

On the night in which Jesus was betrayed he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: take and eat, I am present with you, when you eat of this bread, remember me.

Again, after supper, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: this cup is the cup of the new covenant relationship with God, poured out for you and for all people, for the forgiveness of sin. When you drink of it, remember me.

Let us pray in the way that Jesus taught: *(using words familiar to you)*

Creator-God in heaven hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

We share Communion

Time of reflection – people may choose to join in a sung refrain:

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1. Come, let us eat for now the feast is spread... our Lord's body let us take together...
2. Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured... Jesus' blood poured let us drink together...
3. In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest... In the presence of our Lord we gather...
4. Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word... Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom...

#493

Taste and See, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, Oh
taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

or

#472

"Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."

May the presence and life, which you have received in these elements of bread and wine, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace into life everlasting.

Let us pray:

We give you thanks, loving God, that we have met your son Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Send us from this table to tables throughout our world to love and serve in Jesus' name. Amen

The God of steadfastness and encouragement
grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **Amen**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

The God of all grace bless you now and forever. **Amen**

Go in peace, Be Christ in the world!
Thanks be to God!

An Order for Communing in a Pandemic

by Anonymous

*She took a loaf of bread,
broke it and gave it,
half to the hungry, the poor, the millions
whose gap-toothed pantries
are emptying,
dwindling sand racing
through the widening neck of an hourglass
and she felt the weight
of a sacrament pressing
into her soul
as the body and blood of Christ
spilled out of doors,
into streets,
into homes,
flowing as freely,
as slick and messy,
as uncontrolled,
as it did from his own tortured body,
as if God really could be present
everywhere and in everything.*

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