

Communion

This is not the table of Strathmore United Church; it is the Lord's table, and as such all are welcome.

L: Our God is with you!

P: And also with you!

L: Lift up your hearts

P: We lift them up to our God.

L: Let us give thanks to our Sovereign God

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

In the beginning you breathed life into raw materials, creating and animating containers of beauty and goodness.

We, your Holy Vessels, were fired in the kiln of love until we shined with your light.

Susceptible to shattering, we find ourselves broken, unable at times to remember your promise of repair.

You remind us time and again that, though broken, we are held in your presence

and made whole by your grace.

And so,

with your people on earth

and all the company of heaven

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy Lord

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Blessed is the One who comes,
comes in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest.

L: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ,
Holy Vessel of Divine Presence on earth.
Your Spirit anointed him as a container of grace in the form of
preaching good news to the poor,
proclaiming release to the captives
recovering of sight to the blind,
setting at liberty those who are oppressed,
and announcing that the time had come
when you would save your people.

He healed the sick,
fed the hungry,
and ate with those considered too broken for company.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to the path of healing and recovery,
delivered us from our despair and isolation,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the
Spirit.

When Jesus ascended,
he promised to be with us always.
In the power of your Word and Holy Spirit,
we are not alone.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,
he 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, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of 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 the healing, life-transforming acts in Jesus
Christ,
 we offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice,
 in union with Christ’s offering for us,
 as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

L: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
 and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us your Healing Spirit through Christ,
 so that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
 healing agents in a broken world,
 offering the life-blood of hope.

By your Spirit make us 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 his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ
 with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
 all honor and glory is yours, Healing God,
 now and forever.

P: Amen.

L: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come and partake.
 Jesus Christ, the bread of life.
 Jesus Christ, the true vine.

L: We give thanks that bread broken brings wholeness;
that wine poured out replenishes;
that time spent with the Risen Christ and one another is gift
and grace.

P: Amen.