

Communion:

Holy God, we praise you.

Let the heavens be joyful and the earth be glad.

We bless you for creating the whole world,
for your promises to your people Israel,
and for Jesus Christ in whom your fullness dwells.

Born of Mary, he shares our life.

Eating with sinners, he welcomes us.

Guiding the children, he leads us.

Visiting the sick, he heals us.

Dying on the cross, he saves us.

Raised from the dead, he gives us new life.

Living with you, he prays for us.

With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup
and proclaim Jesus' death and resurrection.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us

that this meal may be our communion in the body of Christ.

Make us one with Christ

and with all who share this feast.

Unite us in faith

encourage us with hope, inspire us with love,

that we may serve as your faithful disciples

until we feast at your table in glory.

We praise you, eternal God,

through Christ your Word made flesh,

and in the power of your life-giving Spirit,

now and forever. **Amen.**

Hosanna through the ages!

Blest is the One who comes

to bring your justice to earth!

On the last night he spent with his friends,
Jesus took an age-old tradition of his people
and transformed it into something new.
He took bread, gave thanks, blessed and broke it, and gave it to
those around him saying,
“Take, eat, this is my body, given for you. Whenever you do
this, remember me.”

After supper he took a cup of wine, and after giving thanks,
gave it to them, saying,
“Drink this, all of you, this is the new covenant in my blood.
Each time you do this, remember me.”

By remembering Jesus in this way now,
we claim our common heritage
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Send, O covenant God, your Holy Spirit
upon us and what we do here,
that we and these gifts, empowered by your Spirit,
may become signs of shalom
to one another and to all peoples of the earth.

Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours everywhere, now and forever. **Amen.**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come and partake.
Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life. (*Eat the bread.*)
Jesus Christ, the True Vine. (*Drink from the cup.*)

Let us pray:

**We give thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us at your table
by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ.
Strengthen our faith
increase our love for one another,
and send us forth into the world
united in courage and peace,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

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