

HOLY COMMUNION

Take this bread, share this wine.
In these Christ comes to us, with love from God.
The gifts of God,

for the people of God.

So, come and share this table, it is neither our virtues nor our defects
that are important.

It is the invitation to each and to all to take what Jesus has to offer
those with whom He is pleased to dine.

THE DISTRIBUTION

The body of Christ, broken for you. *Amen!*

The blood of Christ, poured out for you. *Amen!*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, we give You thanks that we have been fed and renewed
by Christ's life in us and we go now to share that life with others.

Send us out from here equipped with the power of Your Spirit to
follow Jesus and to spread the message of His love and compassion
to all whom we meet.

Amen!

BENEDICTION

Go in peace, and may God touch you and embrace you, may He
raise you up on His wings and give you strength, and wisdom and
joy, may His Word dwell in you and his Spirit guide your steps,
may His Praise endure forever in your hearts and cast His light upon
all about you, this both now and forevermore.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ.
Amen!



THE INVITATION

We are here because Jesus has called us –
Strangers and friends, believers and doubters, the certain and the
curious.

It is always a mixed company that Jesus gathers and invites to His
table where, in bread and wine, He meets us and through Him, we
who are different, are joined to each other.

So, come, not because you understand, but because you are
understood.

Come, not because of how you feel, but because God has food for
you.

Come, not because you deserve a place, but because Jesus invites
you, just as you are.

We do as Jesus did and commanded us to do. We take ordinary bread
and wine. The ordinary things of the world which Christ, in His own
way, will make special and as He said a prayer before sharing, we
do so too.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God our maker.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Praise is Yours, Holy God... Praise beyond all telling.

All that we are, all that we have, all that we know and all that we are yet to be, comes from Your care. Water and wisdom light and longing.

The stones of the earth and the hope in our hearts are grounded in Your graciousness. The life of the world and all its people, nature and human skill celebrate You as first mover and final destiny.

Therefore, to an unending song of earth, sea and sky to the anthems of the company of heaven - the angels and archangels, the saints of every age and as one with Your people on earth, North, South, East and West, we join our praise, saying the song of Your eternal greatness:

***Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory,
Hosanna in the highest!***

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

Because You, gracious God, have been faithful to us, we will be faithful to Jesus.

He promised to be with those who meet in His name.

This we believe.

He promised to hear the prayers of faithful people.

This we believe.

He said that in the communion of bread and wine, He would be present with us and we remember Him:

This we celebrate.

So, send now Your Spirit among us and upon this bread and wine, that we may taste and see Your goodness, be embraced by Your love and engaged in Your service. Amen!

We pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours.

Now and for ever. Amen!

As Jesus did, so we do.

We break this bread and we share this wine.

We believe that He who lived, died and rose again for us, will meet us here.

Graciously nourish us, O Christ, so that we who try to follow You, may receive food for the journey and be bound in solidarity, with all who walk in Your way. Amen!

The Lamb of God.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world.

Have mercy on us!

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Have mercy on us!

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world.

Give us your peace!