

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

As part of the world-wide community of Christians,
we remember Jesus' meal with his disciples.
Our variety of bread today is a physical reminder
of the range of Christian experience,
both close to us and around the world.

Jesus sets the table where we dine today.
Jesus' welcome extends to all of humanity.
People of all ages, of all genders, of all cultures and cultures,
of all economic conditions are welcome here.

No one can earn a place at this meal.
Come of your own choice.
You need only desire a deeper relationship with the risen Christ.
Bring your hopes and your history.
Bring your deliberations and your doubts.
Come as your whole self.

Great Thanksgiving

May God be with you
And also with you!
Lift your hearts
We lift them up to God!
Let us give thanks to God most high.
It is right to give God thanks and praise!

Creating God, we give thanks that you brought this world
and all of humanity into being,
breathing life into us.

***You show yourself in each face we encounter,
each and all created in your image.***

We thank you for your covenants.
You taught us how to serve you,
and how to honor each other.
***To bring us into relationship with you,
you sent us prophets and teachers.***

We offer thanks that when we ignored your embrace,
you persisted in reaching out to us.

***We thank you most for the life and ministry of Jesus.
The death and resurrection of Christ taught us
that nothing, not even death, can separate us from you.***

Through your Holy Spirit, you breathe through us, gathering us as church.
Thank you for continuing to bring us together that we may celebrate you.

Communion Hymn (tune: *Morning Has Broken*)

***God of Creation, Lord of all beauty,
All creatures join in singing your love;
Holy Compassion, Joy of our mornings,
Fill us with grace which comes from above.***

***Christ of the outcast, Comfort of mourners,
Neighbor to strangers, Love without end;
Bearer of burdens, Grace ever with us,
Blessing our children, Brother and Friend.***

***Spirit of kindness, Breath of forgiveness,
Faithful Companion, just as Christ said;
God's little children gathered together,
Drink of salvation, feast on your Bread***

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of the Day

Our Lord's Prayer

