

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: We come to this table, not because we must but because we may,

All: not because we are strong, but because we are weak.

Leader: We come, not because any goodness of our own gives us a right to come,

All: but because we need mercy and help.

Leader: We come, because we love the Lord a little

All: and would like to love him so much more.

Leader: We come, because he loved us and gave himself for us.

All: We come to meet the risen Christ, for we are his Body.

Leader: We celebrate the Divine Spirit, who hovered over creation and brought order out of formlessness. We praise you, Spirit. We celebrate the Divine Spirit, who filled Jesus with power and wisdom and, through him, made divine life available to all. We praise you, Spirit. We celebrate the Spirit, who has been poured out on all people, and leads us into the Reign of God. We praise you, Spirit. And so, as we gather at this table, we recognize the Spirit's Presence among us, and we open our hearts to Spirit's influence.

All: God, we come knowing that we depend on you for life and truth and love. We come knowing that you welcome us with open and accepting arms. We come ready to meet with you, and be changed by these gifts of bread and wine. Amen.

Hymn "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" #292 NCH

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Our Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)