

A Service of Holy Communion

All persons seeking the presence of Christ in their lives are invited to share in this Holy Communion.

The Invitation

Communion Prayer and Prayers of the People *(in unison)*



Holy God, Creator of the distant stars and creator of our nearby world, we come to you in prayer today seeking your presence, like the psalmist, even seeking your face. We pray that you will not hide yourself from us, but will hear the prayers of joy that we share with you now.

(Lift up your prayers of joy)

O God, we call you Holy Comforter because you hear our prayers of concern and sorrow. Hear these prayers and bring your comfort to those in need and to us.

(Lift up prayers of concern)

We gather up these prayers, as we pray in a unison voice:

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Words of Institution for the Lord's Supper

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, saying:

“This is my body, which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way, Jesus also took the cup, after supper, saying:

“This cup is the new covenant in my blood.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Consecration of the Elements:

Consecrate, therefore, by your Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and fruit of the vine, and bless us that as we receive them at this table, we may offer you our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and with one another, and we may continue faithful in all things.

All: In the strength Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to you, eternal God, and give thanks that you have called us to serve you. Amen.

Pastor: Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ.
Through the cup of blessing we participate in the new life Christ.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: The gifts of God for the People of God.
Come, for all things are ready.

The Serving and Sharing of Holy Communion: *(Today we are serving ourselves. Approach the altar table, take bread or gluten free rice cake, partake, and go left or right, choose the grape juice, and after drinking, place the empty in the tray nearby. If you need to be served in your seat, please signal a deacon to serve you.)*

Thanksgiving Prayer: (in unison)

We give thanks, O God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the comfort and peace that come with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us into the world so that we might give others hope and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

The Commissioning:

It is important, not only how we come to this table, but also how we leave it. Let us leave refreshed by these sanctified gifts of the Bread of Heaven and the Cup of Salvation. May we go forth fed by the Bread of Compassion and the Cup of Kindness that Christ's compassionate spirit may dwell in our hearts, so that we can love and live compassionately.

Communion Stewards Today:

John Knox, Bev Knox, Barbara Barrows, Bev Dezotell