

Sacrament of Holy Communion

This is the night of love.

And this is the table of love.

At this table, Christ, who loves us, is with us.

He is with us, and we are his. We belong to God.

And so we pray:

**We are yours, all yours, blessed Triune God, all our lives, all our thanks, all our praise,
all our fears, all our grumbling, all our hesitations, all our loves. All our joys, all our passions.
we give them all to you, with bodies, and minds and voices.
Yours. all yours!**

Yours the blessing, yours the praise, from the unimaginable silence before the big bang, beyond the farthest reaches of time and space we may ever find, from infinity, everlasting and everlasting, You are God, boundless in love and power.

What are we that you should notice us? What are we that you should love us?

**What are we that you should call us into covenant with you, a covenant we continually broke
and you continuously sustained.**

Mercy! How full of mercy!

How can we but praise you, joining our voices with the song of angels and saints,
seraphim and martyrs, strangers and family in every generation:

Jesus Christ who comes in our God's name, you are worthy, worthy!

Lamb of God for all creation slain, you are worthy, worthy!

Hosanna to our King! Hosanna to our King!

You are holy, O God! You are worthy, O Christ! Worthy in your birth. Worthy in your living.

Worthy in your loving! Worthy in your serving.

Worthy! Worthy! Worthy!

You preached good news that God's kingdom has drawn near. And gathered disciples, then and now, to learn and show the world what life in God's reign means:

healing the sick, new life for the dead, cleansing for the lepers, sight for the blinded, food for the hungry, freedom for the possessed, love poured out for all.

Worthy the night you took a towel and basin, washed your disciples' feet, and taught them to do likewise.

Worthy too, the same night we betrayed you, when you took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to your disciples. Worthy when you told them, "This is my body broken for you. Remember me."

We remember.

Worthy when you took the cup, praised God and shared it,

and worthy when you said, "This is my blood of the new covenant for you. Remember me."

We remember.

We remember, and we praise you with our lives and these gifts of bread and wine, proclaiming with one voice the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Come upon us, Holy Spirit.

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Come upon these gifts.

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Make them be for us Christ's body, Christ's blood.

Make us one body in Christ enlivened in love by his blood.

One in heart, one in mind, one in you, Holy Spirit, as you move us to pray for the church and the world:

That we may proclaim the gospel boldly:

Hear us, Lord.

That healing may come for people who are sick, and peoples who are torn and weary:

Hear us, Lord.

That many dead and left for dead may be raised, and death itself vanquished,

Hear us, Lord.

That all who are unclean may receive your cleansing grace:

Hear us, Lord.

That all who are possessed, oppressed, distressed, depressed and downcast may be set free at last.

Hear us, Lord.

That we may love one another, and all your creation, as you have loved us.

Hear us, Lord.

Even so, come and fill this feast, Holy Spirit, on this night, and every night until we eat it new at the marriage supper of the Lamb.

All blessing, honor, glory and power be yours, Holy Triune God, now and forever. Amen!

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Thanksgiving after Communion

Thank you, God, for uniting us with Jesus in this holy mystery.

We are no longer our own, but yours. So send us, and put us to leading and serving, loving as you have loved us wherever we go. Amen.

Closing Hymn

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Come, Share the Lord

Benediction

This is the night of love. Go forth in the strength of this feast, in the care of community, and with the love and blessing of the Triune God. **Amen.**

Following the Benediction please gather on the lawn as we drape the cross in black.