

Trusting that Jesus Christ is the host of this sacrament, welcoming everyone who hungers for the bread of life and thirsts for the cup of salvation, let us pray ...

World Communion Liturgy

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May God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us open our hearts.

We open them to God and to one another.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right and good to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and good that we give you our praise, Holy One,
You made a covenant with Noah
and placed the rainbow in the sky as a reminder of your promise.
You pledged to Abraham and Sarah that they and all their descendants
would be your people and you would be their God.
You led Moses, Miriam, Aaron, and the Israelites
out of enslavement to liberation and into a land of abundance.
You called Isaiah and Jeremiah, Elijah and all your prophets,
to spread your word of hope and peace rooted, in justice.
You sustained Daniel and Esther and all your people in times of exile.
Throughout all time you offered life in abundance,
life and abundance to be shared with all.

Still your people turned away from you, as we also have.
Yet you remained faithful, sending Jesus to us:
Born under Roman occupation, in Bethlehem, and then a refugee in Egypt.
Raised in Nazareth, baptized in Jordan.
He called his disciples while in the Galilee and journeyed
through the Golan and along the Mediterranean coast,
through Samaria and then back to Palestine, to Jerusalem.

He rejoiced with all who rejoiced and wept with all who wept.
He restored the alienated and made whole the broken.
He listened with understanding and spoke your word of hope.
He worked wonders to reveal your glory,
and offered your peace to all.
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy God, Source of life and love! Heaven and earth are full of your glory! Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes to bring your peace with justice to earth!**

On the last night Jesus spent with his friends,
he took a tradition of the people of that time and place
and transformed it into something new.
He took unleavened bread, the common food of the common people.
He blessed and broke it, and gave it to those around him, saying,
"Take, eat, for this is my body, broken for you.
Whenever you do this, remember me."

After supper he took a cup of wine,
the common drink of the common people, and gave it to them, saying,
"Drink this, all of you; this is the new covenant in my blood.
Each time you do this, remember me."

By remembering Jesus in this way, on this World Communion Sunday,
we claim our common heritage,
we join in solidarity with followers of Jesus across the ages,
we stand, as Jesus did, together with all who have been on the margins.

Together let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.

Send your Spirit upon us and these gifts,
that all who share in this meal
may be the body of Christ:
disciples who believe in peace with justice,
compassion rooted in love,
reconciliation based in mercy.
In this hope and as your people, we praise you.

**Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, God most holy,
now and forever. Amen.**

Having prayed the World Communion Liturgy, we now share the consecrated elements we have where we are, saying "the bread of life" and "the cup of salvation" as we eat and drink. (If you prefer not to participate or were unable to provide the bread and juice where you are, know you are still blessed and beloved, in the presence of God.)
