

# WORLD COMMUNION

## *The Great Thanksgiving*

God be with us.

**God is here among us.**

Let us open our hearts to God.

**We open them to God and to each other.**

Creator, you separated land from water to create the skies and seas and to make a home for all people.

**We live on the land first called Turtle Island.**

You created cycles of life that would sustain all creatures.

**Through our faith traditions, you offered us stories that teach us to care for each other and for the earth.**

But we let you down, Holy One. Instead of sharing the earth and its resources, we put systems in place that hurt your people and creation.

**You sent your son to live with us and bring us back to you.**

Jesus assured us of your forgiveness and love.

**When he returned to you, Jesus sent the Spirit to help us bring your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.**

We share in communion with Christians around the world today to remember your hope for all creation. With them, we offer you praise as we sing:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heav'n and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.***

*(Deutsche Messe Franz Schubert, VU p.942)*

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying, 'Take, eat.

This is my body given for you. Each time you do this, remember me.' After supper, Jesus took a cup of wine, blessed it, and gave it to his friends saying, 'Drink. This cup, poured out for you is the promise of God. Whenever you drink it, remember me.' **God of life, with this bread and juice, we remember your son Jesus and pray we will come to know him in new and deeper ways.**

We await with hope Jesus' coming again to bring your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven; and we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

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

*(Deutsche Messe Franz Schubert, VU p.943)*

Send your Spirit upon us and what we do here, that touched by your Spirit, we and these gifts may be signs of life and love to one another, and to the world.

***Amen, amen, amen, amen.*** *(Deutsche Messe Franz Schubert, VU p.943)*

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER*** *(VU p.910)*

## ***SHARING THE FEAST***

*Communion elements of bread cubes and rice crackers are shared today with tongs; juice is served in separate glasses.*

*Please make your way to one of the serving stations at the front of the sanctuary, by way of a centre aisle. Receive the elements, stay for as long as you wish and then return to your seat by an outside aisle.*

## ***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION***

**May we become what we have shared this day: bread and wine for a hungry world; a blessing to those whose hearts are empty: a light in the darkness. Amen.**

*(Communion Liturgy, Heather Lefler, Rockwood-Stone P.C. Rockwood, Ont.)*