

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Let us open our hearts to the One who breaks bread.

We offer our doubts, our fears, our needs.

Let us give thanks to the Root of the vine.

We offer our hope, our joy, our praise.

We praise you, Source and Sustainer of life:

in love you cause all things to be.

We give thanks for the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth, who feeds us and feasts with us, who heals us and suffers with us, who proclaims the nearness of your reign. Christ's death and resurrection release us from the poverty of sin and the famine of death, and teach us how to die so that we may live.

Therefore, with all creation and all creatures, we sing your praise.

O holy, holy holy God, O God of time and space. All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace. Hosanna in the highest heav'n, creation sings your praise. And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always. (MV 203)

Before he parted from his friends, Jesus prepared a last supper To share with them. He took some bread, and gave thanks for it. Then he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take and eat; this is my body' he said. When supper was all but over, he took a cup of wine, gave thanks for it, and gave it to them to drink. 'This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood. Take and drink from it. It is for all.'

Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ will come

again! Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ will come again! (MV 204)

Loving God, in this bread we offer you the life and work we share...***Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer***

May your Holy Spirit rest upon us and upon these gifts.

May they nourish and sustain us for your work in this world.

Amen, Amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!

Amen, Amen, O Holy One, Hosanna, and Amen! (MV 205)

Here is bread for our journey, freely given,
broken for all to share.

**Here is fruit of the vine, laughter and tears,
poured out that all may celebrate together.**

These are the gifts of God for the people of God!

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Communion elements of bread cubes and rice crackers are shared today with tongs; juice is served in separate glasses. Please make your way to the front of the sanctuary by way of the 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

We give thanks that bread broken brings wholeness; that wine poured out replenishes; that time spent with the Risen Christ and one another is gift and grace. Amen.