

THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE LORD GREETUS US AT THE TABLE

THE CREED

Pastor: Beloved in Christ, our Savior Jesus Christ has ordained and instituted this Holy Supper to nourish and sustain those who are born again and grafted into his family: his church. Let us confess the faith of the church, using the words of the Apostles' Creed:

People: **I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ,

**his only begotten Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit;
born of the virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the
right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he shall come to judge the living
and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit.

**I believe a holy catholic church,
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

THE THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right for us to give thanks,
it is our joy and our peace,
at all times and in all places
to give thanks to you, holy Father,
almighty, everlasting God,
through Christ our Lord.**

Pastor Because the light of your glory has shone with splendor in our world For you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us of Mary that we might have power to become your children through him: Who existed before the world was called into being, But came down to save us by being born of a humble virgin, Lying in a crib, walking on earth as a man: Who became poor that by his poverty we might become rich; Who was humbled that we might be exalted; Who gave us peace and joy When we were without hope and without God Therefore with the whole company of saints in heaven and on earth We proclaim and celebrate the birth of our Savior and we sing with joy:

All Sing: Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings,

Risen with healing in his wings.

Mild he lays his glory by,

born that we no more may die,

Born to raise the lost on earth,

born to give them second birth.

Hark! The herald angels sing,

“Glory to the new-born King!”

- Hark! The herald angels sing (PH 45, verse 3)

THE INSTITUTION

Pastor: We give thanks to God the Father that our Savior, Jesus Christ, before he suffered gave us this memorial of his sacrifice, until his coming again. For on the night of his arrest he took bread and, after giving thanks to God, broke it and said, "This is my body which is for you; do this as a memorial of me." In the same way, he took the cup after the supper and said, "This cup is the new covenant sealed by my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

THE MEMORIAL

**All: His death, O God, we proclaim.
His resurrection we declare.
His coming we await. Glory be to you, O Lord.**

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Pastor: Heavenly Father, be present with your life-giving Word and Holy Spirit, that we may be nourished and strengthened through this supper. Grant that all who share the communion of the body and blood of your son may be united in him. And may we remain faithful in love and hope until we feast joyfully with him in his eternal kingdom. Now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray:

**All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Your Name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive debtors.
And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil.
For Yours is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory Forever. Amen**

PREPARATION OF THE ELEMENTS

Pastor: The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

People: We who are many are one body, for we all share the same loaf.

Pastor: The cup for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

People: The cup which we drink is our participation in the blood of Christ.

THE INVITATION AND DEDICATION

Pastor: Congregation of Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared his table for all who love him and trust in him alone for their salvation. All who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desire to live in obedience to him as Lord, are now invited to come with gladness to the table of the Lord. Come, then for all is ready!

People: We praise you, Lord for these your gifts of bread and wine. We offer you ourselves as your people in your service.

Pastor: Blessed are they who come in the name of the Lord.

**People: We will receive the bread of heaven;
we will drink the cup of salvation.**

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God.

THE COMMUNION

(Those receiving the sacrament may come forward as ushered. Children may come with families to be given a blessing. You will be served the bread with the words, "The Body of Christ, broken for you." You may simply receive it, break off a piece, and pass it on, repeating those words to the next person, or you may receive it with the words, "Thanks be to God." We hold the bread until the cup comes, and we dip the bread into the grape juice. The words accompanying this act are: "The Blood of Christ, shed for you.")

PLEASE RETURN THIS LITURGY TO THE BACK TABLE AFTER THE SERVICE