

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 at all times and in all places.

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: Heavenly Father, who quickens the faith that brought Magi from the east, who kindles the hope that brought captives from exile, and who inspires the love that brings strangers together, we thank you for the light that guided those searching for the truth.

We thank you that you did not abandon us in our rebellion against your love, but sent prophets and teachers, shepherds and Magi to lead us into the way of salvation. We praise you for the light that shines through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, to whom we sing for joy.

**All Sing: We worship before you, great Father of light,
While angels adore you, all veiling their sight;
Our praises we render, O Father, to you,
Whom only the splendor of light hides from view.**

-PH 460 Verse 4

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 the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant of my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

THE MEMORIAL

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

Prayer of Consecration

Pastor: Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son, Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him and made a new people by water and the Spirit now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the life of Christ, our Lord. Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and bring in your new creation. Gather your church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, all honor and glory are yours 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: Come, then for all is ready. Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

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 us." 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 us.")

PLEASE RETURN THIS LITURGY TO THE BACK TABLE AFTER THE SERVICE