

THE LORD'S SUPPER
THE LORD GREETUS US AT THE TABLE

Pastor: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!
People will come from east and west, from north and south,
and sit at table in the kingdom of God.
When our risen Lord was at table with his disciples,
he took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.
Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.
This is the Lord's table.
Our Savior invites those who trust him
to share the feast that he has prepared.
—based on Luke 13:29; 24:30-31

THE CREED

Pastor: Beloved in Christ, we are called to love one another,
to worship him, and to serve each other.
As we prepare to celebrate this sacrament of reconciliation and
fellowship, let us confess the faith of Christ's people at all times
and places.

**People: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

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

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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 and praise.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORK OF GOD IN CREATION

Pastor: It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks, for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever. Fountain of all life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day, and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we glorify your name and lift our voices in joyful praise:

**Song: Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name,
in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

Pastor: We give thanks to God the Father that our Savior, Jesus Christ, before he suffered, gave us this memorial of his sacrifice, until he comes again. At his last supper, the Lord Jesus 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, he took the cup after supper and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this in remembrance of me." For whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

**All: We shall do as our Lord commands.
We proclaim that our Lord Jesus
was sent by the Father into the world,
that he took upon himself our flesh and blood,
and bore the wrath of God against our sin.
We confess that he was condemned
to die that we might be pardoned,
and suffered death that we might live.
We proclaim that he is risen
to make us right with God
and that he shall come again
in the glory of his new creation.
This we do now and until he comes again.**

CONSECRATION / WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Pastor: Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom. Amen.

PREPARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

[as the minister breaks the bread]

Pastor: The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

“Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

[as the minister lifts or pours the cup]

In the same way he took the cup, saying,

“This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.”

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord until he comes.

—based on 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Come, then, for all is ready.

Christ was raised to life,
death is swallowed up,
victory is won. Alleluia!

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

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.”)

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