

The Holy Communion

Confession of Sin:

Leader:

Let us now humbly confess our sins to God
(Silence)

The congregation and leader together:

Most Merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against you
in our thoughts, words, and deeds.
By what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole hearts,
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have had anxieties about the future,
even though we proclaim you as Lord.
We have disobeyed your commands.
We are truly sorry and humbly repent.
Have mercy upon us, Lord Jesus,
Forgive us our sins
and cleanse us of all unrighteousness
That we may walk in your ways, delight in your will,
and serve you in grace and love.
This we ask in your holy Name
Amen.

The leader:

The Lord Jesus Christ is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us of all unrighteousness; therefore you are forgiven! You are cleansed of all unrighteousness, and you are worthy to partake of this holy meal.

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you!

Congregation: “and also with you.”

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

Congregation: “We lift them up to the Lord”

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

Congregation: “It is right to give him our thanks and praise.”

Leader: It is a right, good, proper, and joyful thing, at all times, and in all places to give you thanks, Lord God. We join our voices with the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven who forever sing this song:

Everyone sings together:

Holy, holy,
 holy Lord
God of power and might
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest!
 Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest!

The leader:

In the beginning, O Lord, you created us for yourself. But even though we have fallen through our disobedience to sin and death, you in your infinite mercy, grace, and love sent your only begotten Son our Savior Jesus Christ, to live among us as a man, born of a virgin. He suffered every hardship and adversity, every trial, trouble, tribulation, and temptation that we face—except without sin. Finally, He stretched out His arms upon the cross in perfect obedience to your will and offered Himself as a sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

On the night on which our Lord Jesus was given over to suffering and death through the betrayal of a friend, He took bread, and after He had blessed it and given thanks to you for it, O Lord, He gave it to His disciples and said, “Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you.” After the supper, he took the cup, and when He had blessed it and given thanks to you for it, O Lord, He said, “Drink of this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant, which is shed for the remission of your sins and the sins of the whole world.”

Therefore, as often as we eat this bread and drink of this cup, we eat the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. We proclaim His death until He comes again. Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

The leader and the congregation together:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.

Christ is coming again!

Leader:

Lord Holy Spirit, you are the giver of life in whom we live and move and have our being; consecrate this bread and wine to be, for us, the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and consecrate us, O Lord, to partake of this holy meal. All this we ask, Lord Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the glory of His Father, Amen. Therefore we pray the prayer our Lord taught us, saying:

Lord's Prayer

The leader and the congregation together:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.
For yours is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

The leader:

As Paul said to the Corinthians, I say to you: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Let us keep the feast!

May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you unto eternal life.

Serving the Supper

Prayer teams are available in the front and back during the serving of the Supper

The leader:

We thank you, Lord God, that you have fed us with these holy mysteries of the Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. By eating His Body, we become members of His Body, and thus His agents in this world. Help us to be the distributors of your blessings, the agents of your providence, the instruments of your grace, and the ambassadors of your love to all the people we meet in our everyday lives. By drinking

His Blood, we have taken on His life, which was not finally pierced by the cross nor smothered in the tomb, but lasts for evermore. We thank you for this, the medicine of immortality; the antidote to death. All this we pray in the most holy and precious name of Jesus Christ, because He is alive, and He reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit. You are one God, now and forever, Amen.