

## **THE SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST**

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 to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: Lord, we greet you this day,  
for you have been at work in our world throughout all time.  
You made all things and called them good.

**People: You claimed your people,  
freed them from the bondage,  
and journeyed with them through the wilderness to the promised land.**

Pastor: You sent prophets to call your people back to you.  
Then in the fullness of time you sent your Son Jesus,  
Immanuel, born the King of Kings,  
your Word in flesh appearing.

**People: He was one of us and lived with us,  
giving up all his glory for our sake to make us whole.**

Pastor: And yet you raised him up again  
to overcome the power of death and live a new life.

**People: Still we wait for the day  
when we too will share the fullness of life in him and with him.**

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Pastor: And so, O God, come among us tonight.  
Show us your presence in this bread and this cup,  
and make this bread we break and this cup we bless  
the body and blood of Christ.

**People:** By the power of your Holy Spirit,  
unite us with Christ and all who share this feast,  
just as you send us out to be his presence in and for your world.

**ALL:** Give us courage to be your people,  
to show your justice, grace, mercy, peace, and love,  
and to be a part of your transformation of our world  
until the day when the baby whose birth we celebrate tonight  
comes again in peace  
and we sing your praise and glory forever.  
Amen.

**Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Cup**  
(please hold the elements until we all partake together)

**Unison Prayer after Communion**

**Lord, by your Birth, by your Cross, and by your Resurrection you have set us free. As we celebrate your Incarnation may we rejoice in the eternal love that gave extraordinary new meaning to the lives of your faithful ones. Amen.**