

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

As grain that was scattered on the hillside was gathered together and made into one loaf, so too, we, scattered at tables in our own homes or at church sitting in our pews, are bound together around Christ's table and become one.

As grapes grown in the field are gathered together and pressed into wine, so too are we drawn together and pressed by our times to share a common lot and are transformed into Christ's self-giving love for all.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**HYMN:** They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love #2223 (*Sing the Faith*)

Thank you for the gift of life, the beauty of nature, the structure of the law and your steadfast loving kindness.

Praise to you Divine Redeemer.

Thank you for sharing our human existence, from birth through death to everlasting life you have shown us a way worth emulating, bringing healing and hope to those most in need.

Praise to you Divine Sustainer.

Thank you for the vision to see beyond the immediate, a calm in the midst of storm, the strength to build an ever-expanding community and the courage to bring about any change necessary within our lives.

**Amen.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PRAYER OF CONSECRATION *(in unison)***

**Holy God, descend your Spirit upon these gifts of grain and grape that they might be for us the presence of the living Christ and pour out your Spirit upon us so that we might have taken, blessed, broken and distributed so that others might know the blessings of living in communion with you and one another. Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours Almighty God, now and forever.**

## **BREAKING THE BREAD AND POURING THE CUP**

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

This is my body, given for you. Eat this bread and remember me.

*(Let us eat it together)*

In the same way, Jesus took the cup, saying:

This is the new covenant, sealed in my blood. Drink this cup, and remember me.

*(Let us drink together)*

After he rose from the dead, Jesus said: All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all people, baptizing them in the name of the triune God, and teaching them my commandments. And remember: I am with you always.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(in unison)***

**Thank you, O God, for making us one—One in the body, the Spirit, the Lord, one in the faith and baptism we share. Send us out as one people in your service; in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**