

THE SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST

Sacraments are embodiments of the good news of God's Word, so you're invited to stop by the font on your way to the table to remember that while you may be dust, you are baptized dust. You are so precious to God that our Lord has been broken so that you might know the wholeness of eternal life. He was baptized with the baptism of death, drinking to the empty dregs the cup God placed before him, so that we might know life in all its fullness. This bread of life, this cup of blessing are set before us to nourish us as the body of Christ's blessing for the world. So come, let us join in this foretaste of the meal of God's Kingdom, spread out for us as we serve and are served in Christ's name.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe.

You hold all our days in your hand, the same hand that spangled stars in the sky and shaped dust into human form.

You breathed your life into us earthlings,
and set us in your world to love and serve you.

But we reject your love.

Yet you continue to woo us, calling us through prophets to return to a covenant of love with you. Therefore, with all of creation, the heavenly angels, and all saints, we lift our voices in praise:

**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, hosanna in the highest.**

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We praise you that you sent Jesus to capture us with your love.

Living as one of us, baptized in Holy Spirit, he taught us your Way.

Even as our sin was betraying him, he sat at table with his disciples and took bread and blessed it and broke it, saying,

This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Then he took a cup, and said,

“Take this and divide it among yourselves, for I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

We remember your faithfulness unto death, O Lord, and look with awe upon your tortured love bleeding accursed upon a tree.

We celebrate Christ’s rising that released us from bondage to sin.

Following you into the promised Dominion of God, we confidently sing the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

Is not the bread we break a sharing in the body of Christ?

LIFTING THE CUP

Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ?

Remember your baptism. You are marked as Christ’s own forever. Remember that Jesus Christ, your Savior, died for you and the whole world, and be thankful.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*in unison*)

Thank you, gracious God, for the gift of life. Thank you for Christ and his indwelling Spirit among us. Help us discipline ourselves to walk in the Way of the Lord, that we might serve all of creation in love, to the glory of God, Christ, and Holy Spirit. Amen.