

## **INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

On this World Communion Sunday, we celebrate that we join our Christian siblings across the globe as we gather around this table. This table extends far beyond our place of worship, and there is room for all. At this table, Christ is our host, and we are all guests, invited to be renewed in our discipleship as we share in a taste of what is yet to come.

Come taste and see that God is good!

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.**

There is nothing more right than to give you thanks and praise. In a dance of creative spark and divine love, you made all of it. You created humanity, and called it very good. You gave us intellect and the capacity for growth, but we misused our gifts. We turned from you, but you did not turn from us. You sent Jesus to show us the depth of your love for us, to call us back to faithfulness by the example of his own life, and to welcome us as his siblings and your beloved children. Therefore we praise you, joining the heavenly chorus and the global choir, singing forever to the glory of your name:

**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!**

We thank you for your son Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. He came as a teacher, a healer, and a peacemaker, but in living out your love, he encountered and confronted the death-dealing systems of this world. In sharing and showing your love, he held nothing back, until his mission was complete. Jesus suffered as we suffer, even the sting of death, but death did not have the final word. He rose from the grave, conquering death itself, and now lives eternally with you. He will return to redeem and reconcile all of creation, to make all things new. In thanksgiving, we offer our lives in love and joyful service.

**HYMN:**     Your Only Son (Lamb of God)     # 518 (purple)

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us. Bless the bread we break and the cup we share. In this holy communion, make us one with you and with each other, so that we may become the body of Christ, given to the world. Remembering our connection to each other, we offer now the prayers that are on our hearts, for the church, the world, and those we love...

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)*

*(Intercessions may be offered here)*

Through Christ, in Christ, and with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor belong to you, almighty God, now and forever. We continue our prayer as Jesus taught us, saying, "Our Father..."