



Holy Communion

(by John Wurster and Keatan King)

Call to confession

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

Prayer of confession (Unison)

As we come today to your great table, O God, we realize how small we have made our own. Our vision of your grace is too narrow. Our awareness of your mercy is too limited. Our understanding of your kingdom always falls short. We fail to measure up to the people you have called us to be. Hear our prayers and forgive our shortcomings. Raise our eyes, lift our hearts, and inflate our spirits, so that we may live joyfully and abundantly in the manner of Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of pardon

Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, across time and space and through the generations, God seeks us out. This is good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Invitation to the Lord's Table

People will come from east and west and north and south to sit at table in the Kingdom of God. They will come with hope and they will come with doubts. They will come with faith and they will come with fears. They will come with love and they will come with regrets. They will come from all over. They will come across all sorts of barriers and boundaries. They will come. They will all come for God longs for it to be so. Joining God's people across the globe and joining the saints of every time and place, we come to this table today. Everyone is welcome. God longs for it to be so. God longs to feed with us – all of us – with the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Blessed are you, O God our Creator, whose image dwells in every face of the human family. In the faces of the matriarchs and patriarchs of Israel, we see your desire to raise up a chosen people. In the faces of judges and rulers, we behold the sanctity of your law. In the faces of your priests and prophets, we witness your passion for justice and righteousness. So now, joined with the global chorus of our siblings in Christ around the world, we glorify you and pray for the day when the earth will be filled with the knowledge of you as waters upon the face of the sea. When the world could wait no longer, you sent your Son into the world to show us your many faces: Unexpected child, Unwelcomed refugee, Unhoused wayfarer, Teacher and rebel, Healer and provocateur, Lover of the unlovable, Toucher of the untouchable, Forgiver of the unforgivable, Loved by the least, feared by authority, friend of the weak, foe of the strong. In all of these faces, we beheld love's true form until the world could stand him no longer, so we made him a cross. When heaven could wait no longer, O God, you broke powers of death and raised Christ to new life. Come, Mighty Spirit, upon this bread and cup that they may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. As once you set your face to Jerusalem to relieve your people's suffering once and for all— send now your Holy Spirit to the people of Palestine, starving and tired of being starved... the people of Burundi, impoverished and tired of being impoverished... the people of Ukraine, war-ravaged and tired of being war-ravaged... the people of El Salvador, corrupted and tired of being corrupted... the people of North Korea, silenced and tired of being silenced... the people of the United States, divided and tired of being divided.

Holy Spirit, bless these simple gifts of bread and fruit of the vine. May they feed our bodies and our spirits so that we can serve as Christ's hands and feet in the world. Bless all those gathered together in your name all around the globe and unite us in one purpose - to love as God has loved us through the Son. By your Spirit unite all peoples in Christ until we feast with him and all the saints in light. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer after communion (Unison)

Nourishing God, thank you for inviting us to your table where all are welcome, and for feeding us with the bread of life and the cup of blessing. As you have filled our lives with love and hope, may we be a source of your love and hope for those who hunger for your good news. Amen.





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