

COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE COMMUNION TABLE

Pastor: Beloved of God, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

People: This is the joyful feast of the people of God. All people come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and gather about Christ's table.

Pastor: This table is for all who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: We give you thanks... With your sons and daughters of faith in all places and times, we praise you with joy.

People: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

Pastor: We remember... Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pastor: Eternal God... Restore the earth with your grace that is able to make all things new.

People: Be present with us as we share this meal, and throughout all our lives, that we may know you as the Holy One, who with Christ and the Holy Spirit, lives forever. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ's body and blood that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love and that your universal church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, Amen.