

# *A Service of Word and Table*

## **INVITATION**

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

## **CONFESSION AND PARDON**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*All pray in silence.*

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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**Glory to God. Amen**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Celebrate God's love!

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

We give thanks and praise to you, God of love and grace! With gratitude, we recall how you formed us from the very earth, made covenant with us. from the beginning of time, and call us again and again to be your people. In your amazing love, you came as one of us in the form of Jesus the Christ, showing us the way of unconditional love and the path of self-giving service. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Even as he faced death on a cross, Jesus washed the feet of both enemies and friends, gave thanks and rejoiced in a time of great sorrow, broke bread and shared the cup of salvation with all, showing us the path of servanthood and love. And so we remember Jesus' words of self-giving love as he broke bread and poured wine, saying: "Take, eat, this is my body, broken for you. Take, drink. This is my life poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins."

Called to remember these acts whenever we eat and drink, we come now to the table in remembrance of these gifts as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

## **Communion Prayer**

God of love, pour out your Holy Spirit on us, that we might be servants of your love. Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine, that they might be for us your very presence. Flow through us with your love and grace, that we might be your loving presence for others, extending kindness to strangers, forgiveness to adversaries, and mutual love to all.

Live in us, that by your Spirit, we might be one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at the heavenly banquet. Through Jesus Christ, and with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, both now and forever more. Amen.

The Gifts of God, for the people of God

**Thanks be to God.**