

# **The Eucharist**

## **(Holy Communion)**

### **The Preface**

**Celebrant:** God is with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Let us open our hearts.

**People:** We open them up to our God.

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to God, the Light Everlasting.

**People:** It is right to give God thanks and praise,

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

**Celebrant:** It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.

When our ancestors were slaves in Egypt, strangers in the land, you saw their suffering, heard their cries, and came to deliver them. For forty years, you fed them the bread of heaven in the wilderness. You made a way through the sea, a path through the waters. Even now you are doing a new thing—making rivers flow in the desert. You call the thirsty to come to the waters; you invite the poor and hungry to come and eat, forming a people for yourself, that we might declare your praise.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, our Lord. Tested for forty days in the wilderness, Jesus taught us to seek nourishment in your word, to worship and serve you alone. Jesus healed the sick, fed the hungry, and cast out demons, seeking to gather your children as a hen shelters her brood beneath her wings. He wept over Jerusalem when we rejected his saving love. Like a gardener Jesus tends to us with loving care, waiting patiently for our lives to bear the fruit of his grace. Jesus came to seek the lost and restore the dead to life. Though we have lived wastefully, squandering our inheritance, by his grace we are your beloved children. You anointed Jesus Christ with the gift of your Holy Spirit— a healing balm, and a fragrant offering of love for the world. He is our Passover, our only hope for salvation.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

**Celebrant:** Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

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

### **The Word's of Institution**

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my body given for you. Whenever you do this, do it in remembrance of me. After supper, he took the cup, saying, This cup is the new covenant, sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do it in remembrance of me.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

### **The Prayer of Blessing**

**Leader:** Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit, unite us with Christ and with your church in all the world.  
Amen.

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**Celebrant:** Come, all has been prepared; eat and drink with delight, and be satisfied.

(Share the bread and wine)

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Holy God, in this eucharist you reveal your faithfulness to us, your beloved children. Anoint us with your Spirit, that we may be signs of your grace and compassion for the world. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen