



THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

A Communion Liturgy

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| Celebrant | The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. |
| People | And also with you. |
| Celebrant | Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. |
| People | His mercy endures forever. |
| Celebrant | Almighty God, |
| People | to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. |
| Celebrant | Dear friends in Christ God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness. |
| <i>Silence is kept.</i> | |
| Celebrant | Most merciful God, |
| All | we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen. |



Celebrant | Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People | Amen.

Celebrant | We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power;
your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love.
You formed us in your own image,
giving the whole world into our care,
so that, in obedience to you, our creator,
we might rule and serve all your creatures.
When our disobedience took us far from you,
you did not abandon us to the power of death.
In your mercy you came to our help,
so that in seeking you we might find you,
Again and again
you called us into covenant with you,
and through the prophets
you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much
That in the fullness of time
you sent your only Son to be our Savior,
Incarnate by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
he lived as one of us, yet without sin.
To the poor
he proclaimed the good news of salvation;
to prisoners, freedom;
to the sorrowful, joy.
To fulfill your purpose
he gave himself up to death
and, rising from the grave, destroyed death
and made the whole creation new.

And that we might live no longer for ourselves,
but for him who died and rose for us,
he sent the Holy Spirit,
his own first gift for those who believe,
to complete his work in the world,
and to bring to fulfillment
the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified
by you, his heavenly Father,
having loved his own who were in the world,
he loved them to the end:



at supper with them he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, "Take, eat:
This is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

Father,
we now celebrate the memorial of our redemption.
Recalling Christ's death
and descent among the dead,
proclaiming his resurrection
and ascension to your right hand,
awaiting his coming in glory;
and offering to you,
from the gifts you have given us,
this bread and this cup,
we praise you and we bless you.

All We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us,
We are bold to say,

All 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.
Forgive us our trespasses
And forgive those who trespass against us.
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.



The Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread or distribution, and says:

Celebrant

We break this bread,

All

Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Celebrant

Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

All

If we have died with him,
we shall live with him;
if we hold firm,
we shall reign with him.

The Communion

The celebrant invites the people to share in communion and says,

Celebrant

The gifts of God for the People of God.

People

Thanks be to God.