

Holy Communion – Order of Service

The Invitation:

The table is now prepared for us. We are invited to share in the feast of Creator's presence, celebrating here and now all that is meant by being alive. The Spirit of Creator moves in and through all time, in every age, in every corner of the earth, calling people to renew their hope and joy.

All: At this table we celebrate Jesus, who touched our brokenness with his life; who gathers us together, inside and out. We give ourselves to that wholeness, moving from hurt to happiness and from darkness to light, filling our lives with love, laughter and each other, and joining with all of creation to say "Holy are you Creator God".

The Great Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord Let us give thank to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.	Le Seigneur soit avec vous. Et avec votre esprit. Élevons notre cœur. Nous le tournons vers le Seigneur Rendons grâce au Seigneur notre Dieu. Cela est juste et bon!
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Holy are you, O Creator, for your mercy is endless. You have filled all creation with light and life and you glory stretches through the heavens. It was you who led Abraham and Sarah to the land of promise, who saved your people from the desert of bitter tears, who called them to the land of the living. It was you who blessed Miriam and David when they danced and sang in holy places. And through Jesus Christ you taught us to celebrate. Those who were blind saw the sun of your goodness, the lame leaped for joy and those who were locked in the prison of their fears were given freedom to love.

Your Spirit calls us now, in this place, to gather all people into our celebration, to help the lame and the blind to wipe away tears with an outstretched hand. In remembrance of Jesus' life we say together

Christ has died Christ has risen Christ will come again	Christ est mort. Christ est ressuscité Christ reviendra
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The bread of our being loved and the wine of our joy stand as reminders that miracles in faith and risk continue to happen. In thanksgiving and remembrance, we ask you to bless this bread and wine so that, in sharing them together, we shall be your church.

The breaking of the bread and the pouring of the wine

At this table, wine is poured and bread is broken as we remember not only the promise but also the price Jesus paid for who he was, for what he did and said and for the world's brokenness. We taste the mystery of God's great love for us and are renewed in faith and hope.

(This is not the table of SWU, but the table of Christ where all are welcome)

Please wait until all have been served so we may eat together

Prayer of Gratitude After Communion

We give thanks, O God, because in your own free gift of love you have reached out to us. You have refreshed us at your table, touched our deepest needs, and called us to a life shared in memory and hope. Send us forth with courage and joy in the name of Jesus Christ that we too may become bread and peace for one another and the world. Amen

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