

# WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

*One: The invitation is simple: come and eat of the feast.  
Not a meal to nourish the body but to feed the soul.*

**All: Take this bread, share this wine.**

**In these, Christ comes to us.**

**With love from God.**

**The gifts of God for the people of God.**

*One: Woven into this time, the hopes and fears of generations.*

*There is great joy here. No one is turned away, for God is the host!*



## Holy Communion

**SANCTUS Hymn 568**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord**

*John Weaver*

## COMMUNION PRAYER (RESPONSIVE)

Here, in this moment and place, we pray that you would pour out your Spirit of peace and joy upon the gifts of the bread and the cup, and upon your children gathered around the Table. You do not give us crumbs but nourish us with compassion, so we might go to serve a world hungering for healing. You do not touch our lips with only a few drops but offer us great gulps of grace, so we might offer peace to a fractured and frightened world.

**And when the famine of our despair ends, and you gather all your children around you to be fed at the feast of the Lamb, we will sing our thanksgiving songs to you, as the precious tears of joy run down our cheeks, praising you through all eternity, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.**

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATIONS Hymn 569**

**Christ Has Died**

*John Weaver*

## INTERCESSIONS AND SUPPLICATIONS

*In your mercy... Lord, hear our prayer*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER (SINGING TOGETHER, Hymn 571)

**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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

One: *On the night before he died.*

**All: Gathered with his friends, Jesus took bread, broke it, and said:**

One: *"This is my body, the bread of life broken for you. Take and eat."*

**All: And pouring the fruit of the vine into the cup, he blessed it, saying:**

One: *"This is my blood, the cup of compassion spilled out for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Holy Spirit, send energy upon these gifts, your bread, and your cup. God of all, send your Spirit to this place so that those gathered here, in this sacred moment, may know your presence. As we eat the bread and drink of the cup, make us one with the saints and our sisters, siblings, and brothers in faith around the world. Be with us, God, here and in every moment of our lives. Help us...*

**All: To know you. To be guided by the Holy Spirit. And to live Christ. Now and forever.**

One: *This is the feast prepared for you. Come and share for all is ready.*

## DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS *to the congregation*

*Communion Anthem*

**Light of the World**

*Karen Marolli*

Light of the world, you broke the bonds of night.

Once we walked in darkness; now bursts forth your light.

Christ, in your glory, come to light the way; teach us how to follow.

Light of our paths, you walk with us in strife. Where conflict darkens,

Bring the light of life. Christ in your mercy, come to show us love.

Teach us how to follow!

We must be your hands, lent to heal and bless. We must be your light,  
Rending wide the darkness. Christ, in your image, we will greet the world.

This is how we follow.

Light of our days, we feel your dawning call; send us forth to serve and  
Bring your light to all! Christ, you have claimed us; you have made us one.

We will always follow!

Christ, you have claimed us' you have made us one. We will always follow!

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(RESPONSIVELY)*

**Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life. We are fed by your love and strengthened by your life. We are sent forth into the world to live your way and share your joy. We are now called to feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, and love as we have been loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.**