

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!*



SANCTUS Hymn 568

John Weaver

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

COMMUNION PRAYER (RESPONSIVE)

Jesus healed and taught, challenged and comforted, welcomed and saved. He formed a community, promising to be with his disciples wherever two or three were gathered, and sent them on his mission of hope and healing in the world. Jesus trusted his life to you and went freely to his death so the world might be set free from suffering and sin. You raised him from the dead and raise us as well to live a new life with him. In the power of the Holy Spirit, you send us out to make disciples as he commanded.

Remembering all your merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us and, with joy, celebrate the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. AMEN

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATIONS Hymn 569

John Weaver

Christ has died.
Christ has risen,
Christ will come again.

INTERCESSIONS AND SUPPLICATIONS

In your mercy...

Lord, hear our prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*PRAYING TOGETHER*)

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;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, 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*

Music during Communion

This is My Song

Finlandia

This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine...

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms: thy kingdom come, on earth thy will be done...

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (*UNISON*)

Eternal God, we thank you for this sacred mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Help us to go into the world empowered by your Spirit, to serve others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy Communion