

HOLY COMMUNION



The Gathering

INVITATION

Almighty God,
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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lord Jesus Christ invites everyone to His table.
If you love Jesus Christ,
sincerely repent of your sin,
and seek to live in peace with one another,
you are welcome.
Come, receive the gift of our Lord.

CONFESSION & PARDON



Our Lord commands us, *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.”*

God’s Word says:

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us. My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 1:8-10; 2:1-2).

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need (Hebrews 4:14-16).

Therefore, humbly confess your sins to Almighty God and one another. (silence)



Most merciful God,
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.

Hear the good news:

*God demonstrates His love for us while we were still sinners,
Christ died for us (Romans 5:8).*



*The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbor his anger forever;
he does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us (Psalms 103:8-12).*

Our heavenly Father, by His great mercy, has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to Him.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Hallelujah!

Communion

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE DRINKING OF THE CUP



Brothers and sisters,
On the night in which He gave himself up for us,
He took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread,
gave it to His disciples, and said:

*"Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."*

(Break the bread)

(Hold up the cup)

When the supper was over, He took the cup,
gave thanks, gave it to His disciples, and said:

*"Drink from this, all of you;
this is My Blood of the New Covenant,
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this in remembrance of Me."*

The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.
The blood of Christ, given for you. Amen.

(Those serving partake first and demonstrate for others)

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your abundant and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore,
gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his
most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

*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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

(Deliver instructions for receiving)

THE BLESSING

Brothers and sisters,

Jesus said, *“Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”*

Lord, help us to walk daily in your presence; help us to declare our faith in the forgiveness of sins and the resurrection of the body. Send us out in the power of you Holy Spirit to live and work for your praise and glory. Amen.

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