

OneWith Communion Liturgy

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ONE: To this table, Christ welcomes all. You who are weighted down by fear, by anger, or by shame: Christ invites you to take your place. Take a taste and see. For this is Christ's table, set and prepared to receive you as you are, and in love, send you forward into who and what God is calling you to become.

ALL: We come, O Lord. Together, we come.

ONE: Come, beloved. But come unhindered. Lay down that which distances you from God. Confess it before the One who already knows, that you may be set ever freer for joyful obedience.

ALL: We come, O Lord. And together we pray...

Merciful God, we confess to you the truth. At times, we have openly rebelled against you. We have chosen the actions or inactions we knew to be against your best will. At other times we have forgotten that our own strength is insufficient. Even our best efforts and righteous intentions have fallen short of the mark of holy perfection. We need your grace.

Lord, forgive us for the words we have spoken out of petty anger or unchecked fear. Forgive us also for the silence we chose in the very moment when we should have spoken up.

Forgive us our failure to practice the means of grace, just as we failed to be a means of grace for one another. Remind us that to love you means to love one another as you taught us to.

Forgive us for our part in inciting division or demanding peace without first practicing compassion. We have received one another and therefore you with hearts of war.

Forgive us for the times we have valued our preference over your purpose for the Church, when we chose comfort over commission.

Forgive our lack of urgency for the lost, our apathy towards the least, and our indifference to the last.

And for the sins of which we are not yet aware, bring an awakening to our heart and mind, that with greater humility we might together be fully yours. This we pray in the name of the One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

(Silent confession and reflection.)

ONE: Hear the Good News. Christ died for us while we were still sinners. This proves God's love for us. Together, we are forgiven.

ALL: Together we are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

ONE: Turn to your neighbor and reassure them of this Good News.

Uncover the elements.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The pastor may lift hands and keep them raised.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
You formed us in your image
and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed,
your love remained steadfast.
You delivered us from captivity,
made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through the prophets.

You are Love. And out of love you made us in Love's image,
A creation you would call beloved children.
But our pride marred our loving likeness,
and separated us from you and from one another.
So You shaped the laws of nature, the course of history,
the tongues of prophets, and the hope of nations
to restore us to your Holy Self.

And so,
with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The pastor may lower hands.

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

The pastor may raise hands.

Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
For by the power of the Holy Spirit,

He is God-in-flesh, Incarnate Love,
the I Am who is One With Us.
Anointed to proclaim a oneness with God,
and restore our oneness to God
he selflessly surrendered his life to death upon a cross.
In his resurrection, he wedded himself to the Church,
making us One Body fit for kingdom-building,
whereby all of creation will be restored.

The pastor may hold hands, palms down, over the bread, or touch the bread, or lift the bread.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,
he took bread, gave thanks to you, 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."

The pastor may hold hands, palms down, over the cup, or touch the cup, or lift the cup.

When the supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, 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.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me."

The pastor may raise hands.

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The pastor may hold hands, palms down, over the bread and cup.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

The pastor may raise hands.

By your Spirit

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Lord, make us one.

Lord, make us one.

one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER*

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

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 for ever. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD

The pastor, still standing behind the Lord's table and facing the people, breaks the bread in silence, or while saying:

Because there is one loaf,
we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.
The bread is broken that we may be mended.

The pastor lifts the cup in silence, or while saying:

By the blood of Christ we are made one in glory.

ALL: Together, we come seeking peace. Lord, by your Spirit, make us one as you are One.