

COMMUNION SERVICE

As we come into God's presence this evening let us pause for a moment, to surrender whatever we're bringing from wherever we've just been.

*Lord God Almighty, we take this time now to surrender our cares, our worries, our stresses to You. Wherever we've been today we surrender to You. Fill our minds, our hearts, our souls with Your Holy Spirit and use this time to shape us, transform us and renew us. In Jesus' Name we pray. **Amen.***

Call to Worship: (Psalm 19:1-4a)

The heavens declare the glory of God,

and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours out speech

and night to night reveals knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.

Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

Hymn: All creatures of our God & King

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Lift up your voice and with us sing:

Sing praises, hallelujah!
O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam,
Sing praises, sing praises
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hal-le-lu - jah!

Wild rushing wind, unbounded, strong
high clouds that sail in heaven along:
Sing praises, hallelujah!
New rising dawn in praise rejoice,
Kind lights of evening, find a voice:
Sing praises, sing praises
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hal-le-lu - jah!

Let everyone of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take their part:
Sing praises, hallelujah!
All who long pain and sorrow bear,
give God your burdens and your care:
Sing praises, sing praises
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hal-le-lu - jah!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship God in humbleness:
Sing praises, hallelujah!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three-in-One:
Sing praises, sing praises
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hal-le-lu - jah!

Prayer of Confession

The psalmist models a transparent faith with these words:

“Search me, O God, and know my heart;

test me and know my thoughts.

See if there is any wicked way in me,

and lead me in the way everlasting.”¹

*We express our longing for God’s leading by our own transparent confession. **Let us pray.***

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbour as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your

bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

¹ Psalm 139:23-24

Assurance of Forgiveness

The LORD is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.

**The LORD upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.**

Scripture | **Luke 22:14-23**

14 When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table.

15 And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. **16** For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

17 After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. **18** For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

19 And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

20 In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. **21** But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. **22** The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed. But woe to that man who betrays him!" **23** They began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this.

Invitation

We have all fallen short of the glory of God; we have all betrayed Jesus in one way or another. Yet Jesus does not deny us to come to His table; Judas still received from Jesus' hand, even though He knew what Judas would do moments later. This is not our table, but the Lord's. We do not have a right to be here; we do not have say over who joins us. We come because Jesus invites us to come, as we are. We come at His invitation. Jesus says to each of us: "Come and be nourished; come and be renewed; come, taste and see that I AM good."

Confession of Faith | The Apostle's Creed

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.*

*He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended to heaven.

*He is seated at the right hand of the Father
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,*

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

**catholic meaning the universal church*

Communion.

Prayer of Thanks

O Lord, our God, we give you thanks for uniting us by baptism in the body of Christ and for filling us with joy in the eucharist. Lead us toward the full visible unity of your church, and help us to treasure all the signs of reconciliation you have granted us.

Now that we have tasted the banquet you have prepared for us in the world to come, may we all one day share together the inheritance of the saints in the life of the heavenly city.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Hymn: 299 Holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, ho - ly, Lord God almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee

Holy, holy, ho - ly, merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, ho - ly, all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea,
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee
Who wert and art and ever more shalt be

Holy, holy, ho - ly, though the darkness hide Thee
Though our eyes in sinfulness thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love and purity

Holy, holy, ho - ly, Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, ho - ly, merciful and mighty,
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Benediction

*The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace. — Numbers 6:24-26*