HOLY EUCHARIST 1

Invitation

Once upon a time, God made a garden, and every creature lived in it happily with God.

We took long walks with God in the cool of the evening, humans and snails, kangaroos and spiders, kittens and larks.

And when we all sat down with God to eat, the curling vines gave up their fruit, the tall gold wheat gave up its grain, and we ate delicious bread and drank from a cup of blessing, singing songs under stars ‘till morning.

And the grateful creation was at peace.

Ever since, whenever we honor the earth by eating and drinking with heartfelt thanks, God walks with us again. God sits with us and eats. Our tables become the garden, the whole creation sighs with peace, and we see again how life was meant to be.

Come, now, everyone, to this table, to the garden God planted in the East, in Eden. Come, taste and remember, taste and see how good God is.

Readings

**Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15, 18-23**

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, 5 when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; 6 but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— 7 then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. 8 And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. 9 Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. 18 Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” 19 So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. 20 The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. 21 So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. 22 And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. 23 Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
   and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
   for out of Man this one was taken.”

Psalm 98: 4-10

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
   break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
5 Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
   with the lyre and the sound of melody.
6 With trumpets and the sound of the horn
   make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.
   7 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
   the world and those who live in it.
8 Let the floods clap their hands;
   let the hills sing together for joy
9 at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming
to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness,
   and the peoples with equity.

Matthew 6: 25-33
25 “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather
into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? 28 And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, 29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? 31 Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ 32 For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Reflections on the Day- mountain tops and valleys

Prayers of the People

The Peace

Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Thank you, Creator God, for sharing your life with us in every good thing of this world.

Thank you most of all for Jesus, who sat us down to eat and drink good bread and good wine, so that in tasting how good they are we could remember how good you are.

He is our East, our Eden, our Garden of peace. In him we find the fullness of life that you desired for us from the start—walking together, sharing food, living in peace.

And so we praise, you, joining our voices with the company of heaven:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

In the strength of this shared communion, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Send your Holy Spirit, Heavenly Father, to bless this bread and this cup, fruit of the earth and work of our hands. May they become by your grace the taste of Eden in our hearts.

As we eat and drink together, let us see more clearly a vision of life as you meant it to be.

Consecrate us to the ministry of making it so, by sharing earth’s goodness with all, in reverence and hope, with justice, and joy.

We proclaim this by Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

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

Our Father...

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Sharing Bread and Cup
Dear friends in Christ, this is the bread Jesus blessed and broke and gave us to share in remembrance of him.

This is the cup Jesus blessed and poured and gave us to drink in remembrance of him.

Take it knowing that God is among us, God loves us, and desires to draw us near.

We Share Communion

We Give Thanks to God.

*God of abundance,*
*you have fed us*  
*with the bread of life and cup of salvation;*  
*you have united us*  
*with Christ and one another;*  
*and you have made us one*  
*with all your people in heaven and on earth.*

*Now send us forth*  
*in the power of your Spirit,*  
*that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever*  
*in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

We Are Blessed and Sent

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always.  
*Amen.*
Opening

Come, let us dwell in God’s shelter. Let us dwell in God’s work of art. Come, because the Earth is the Lord’s, And God’s Earth is our home.

*We live in God’s World; we are not alone.*
*We share this life with the heavens and the earth, With the waters and the land,*
*With trees and grasses,*
*With fish, birds, and animals,*
*With minerals and creatures of every form,*
*And with all our brothers and sisters.*

God is good and everything God makes is good.
God is love and everything God makes is love’s fruit. Let us worship God!

(Tatiana Valdez)

Prayer for Illumination

You are the living God who sustains all life in continually unfolding ways. And now may we open our ears to your continually unfolding Word. You speak to us in new and vital and imperative ways. With all the power you have given us, let us be silent and open to listening . . . for nourishment, comfort, for challenge and new focus. Amen.

(Alan Jenkins)

Readings

*Job 12: 1, 7-10.*

Then Job answered his friends:
“But ask the animals, and they will teach you;  
the birds of the air, and they will tell you;  
ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you;  
and the fish of the sea will declare to you.

Who among all these does not know  
that the hand of the Lord has done this?  
In his hand is the life of every living thing  
and the breath of every human being.

Psalm 148

Hallelujah!  
Praise God from the heavens; praise God from the heights! Praise God, all you angels;  
Praise God, all you multitudes in heaven!

Praise God, sun and moon; praise God, all you shining stars! Praise God, you highest heavens,  
And you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Most High,  
For God commanded and they were created. God established them forever and ever;  
God fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed. Praise God from the earth,

You sea monsters and all deeps,  
Fire and hail, snow and frost,  
Stormy wind fulfilling God’s command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!  
Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds! Sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,  
Royalty and all rulers of the earth!  
Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of God,  
For God’s name alone is exalted;  
God’s glory is above earth and heaven.  
God has raised up a horn for God’s people, Praise for all the faithful,  
For the people of Israel who are close to God. Hallelujah!
Matthew 13: 31-32

Jesus told them a parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. 32 Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”

Reflection on the Day- Mountain Tops and Valleys

Prayers of the People

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Hymn: All Creatures of Our God and King #455

Communion Prayer (EOW 2)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars;
earth, winds, and waters;
and every living thing.

You made us in your image,
and taught us to walk in your ways.
But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children,
you would not forget us.
Time and again you called us
to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels
In the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

_Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory._

_Hosanna in the highest._
_Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord._

_Hosanna in the highest._

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.
Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life,
and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: “Take, eat:
This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”
As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you,
gave it to them, and said:
“Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,
with all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

**Our Father...**

We break this bread
to share in the Body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

**We Share Communion**

**We Give Thanks**

*Loving God,*
*we give you thanks*
*for restoring us in your image*
*and nourishing us with spiritual food*
*in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood.*
*Now send us forth*
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

We Are Blessed and Sent

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God’s blessing be with you always. Amen.
HOLY EUCHARIST 3  
(Eucharistic Prayer from National Cathedral Earth Day)

Opening

O God our shield and armor of light, whom we adore with all the angelic host: defend us from evil; watch over any who are in danger this night and give your angels charge over them; and grant that we may always rejoice in your heavenly protection and serve you bravely in the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Congregational Song of Praise: A Song of the Wilderness

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, * the desert shall rejoice and blossom;

It shall blossom abundantly, *  
and rejoice with joy and singing.

They shall see the glory of the Lord, * the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weary hands, * and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to the anxious, “Be strong, do not fear! *  
Here is your God, coming with judgment to save you.”

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, * and the ears of the deaf be unstopped.

Then shall the lame leap like a deer, *  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness *

and streams in the desert;  
The burning sand shall become a pool *

and the thirsty ground, springs of water.  
The ransomed of God shall return with singing, *

with everlasting joy upon their heads. Joy and gladness shall be theirs, *

and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. Isaiah 35:1-7,10
Readings

Isaiah 42: 1-2, 5-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

5 Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:
6 I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.
8 I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Matthew 5: 1-12

When Jesus[a] saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5 “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Reflection on the Day- Mountain Tops and Valleys

Prayers of the People

Confession

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

The Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.
Almighty and ever-gentle God, we praise and bless you. Through your goodness, you have made this world and called us to be your children. In the abundance of your love you have created all things to be; we thank you for the sun, the moon, this earth, and its birds, fish, trees, and everything that is beautiful around us. We thank you especially for our freedom, for the dreams of young people and for the visions of our elders, for our minds, our hearts, and our bodies.

We praise you, for you call us to build the earth into a community of love. This will be our prayer to you. You have placed confidence in us, for you have made us, and you know that we are good.

In joy, and in thanksgiving for your call to us, we join with all creation as we sing your praise in words that shall never cease:

_Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might_

_Heaven and earth are full of your glory._

_Hosanna in the highest._

_Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord._

_Hosanna in the highest._

Loving God, we do not always understand what you have planned for us. It is difficult to grasp the mysterious depths of your love. So you sent your only begotten Son, Jesus, to show us who we are in you. Jesus showed us how to forgive and taught us that love is stronger than all sin.

And so, loving Creator, to help us remember the call you have given us, we gather here at Jesus’ command, to celebrate this simple meal. We ask that your Holy Spirit fall upon these gifts, to make these fragile, earthly things, for us the Body and Blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

On the evening before his suffering and death, Jesus took bread into his hands; he blessed you, and broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, saying: “Take this all of you, and eat it: this is my body, which is given up for you.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup, and giving thanks to you, said: “Take this, all of you, and drink from it. This is the cup of my Blood, the Blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.”
And so, loving God, celebrating Jesus’ death, his rising from the dead, and ascension to
dominion with you, we join in this perfect offering to you, a life of love, lived in your
presence. Let us proclaim the mystery of our salvation:

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

When we eat this bread of the earth and your love, and drink the cup of the vine and
your blessing, we proclaim your wonderful gifts until you come in glory.

Loving God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us. Open our hearts to the Spirit dwelling
within us. May this same Spirit help us to listen without fear to your call to us. May your
Spirit lead us to a life of love and service, full of confidence in you.

We pray that wherever we are, justice will shine forth, and that all women and men can
approach each other as equals, as brothers and sisters living in the light of your
presence.

We make our prayer through Jesus our Savior, through whom we receive everything
that is good. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, O God most Holy, for ever and ever. AMEN.

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

**Our Father...**

This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.
**Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.**

**The Invitation to Holy Communion**

Jesus said, “Feed my lambs, tend my sheep.” For thus says the Lord God: I myself will
search for my sheep, and I will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when
they are among their scatter’d sheep, so I will seek out my sheep, I will seek them out. I
myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord
We Give Thanks

Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

We are Blessed and Sent

God’s Blessing be with you,

Christ’s peace be with you,

the Spirit’s outpouring be with you,

now and always. Amen.
Tonight's worship is best described as meditative common prayer with the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Gathered in the presence of Christ, we sing uncomplicated, repetitive songs, allowing the mystery of God to become tangible through the beauty of simplicity. A few words sung over and over again reinforce the meditative quality of prayer.

Call to Worship

God of abundance, the land on which we walk is holy ground.

Send forth your grace to help us heal the wounds of creation.

Open our hearts to your word of life.

Strengthen us through this time together that we may grow into what you are creating us to be.

The joy and peace of God be with you all.

And also with you.

Gathering Song  “Come and Fill” (Berthier)

Come and Fill our Hearts with your love,
You alone, O Lord, are holy,
Come and Fill our Hearts with your peace,
Alleluia

Words of Assurance

As surely as the rain comes forth to water the earth, God's mercy comes to us as a gift, abundant and freely given. The God who created the cosmos and raised Jesus from death to life brings healing and forgiveness to the world today. You are loved, you are restored. In Christ you are made new. Thanks be to God.
First Reading

**Romans 5: 1-5**
Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Song

**“Bless the Lord”**
(Berthier)

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Second Reading Luke 12:13--21

"Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." 14 But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" 15And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. 18Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.' 20’But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' 21So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Song

**“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”** ............ Berthier
O Lord hear my prayer, 
O Lord hear my prayer, 
When I call, answer me. 
O Lord hear my prayer, 
O Lord hear my prayer, 
Come and listen to me.
Prayers of the People

Confession

Let us return to the Lord our God, saying:

Loving God, you have searched us out and known us, and all that we are is open to you. We confess that we have sinned: we have used our power to dominate and our weakness to manipulate; we have evaded responsibility and failed to confront evil: we have denied dignity to ourselves and to our sisters and brothers, and fallen into despair. We turn to you, O God; we renounce evil; we claim your love; we choose to be made whole.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Communion Prayer (EOW3)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your
praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation
as we shout with joy:

Presider and People

_Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth
are full of your glory._

_Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one
who comes in the name of the Lord._

_Hosanna in the highest._

The Presider continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all,
your Word has never been silent;
you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from
bondage
and led them to a land of promise.
Of your grace, you gave Jesus
to be human, to share our life,
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign
and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin,
brought us into your life,
reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said:

“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you:
this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us:
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory,
and presenting to you these gifts
your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:
Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Presider continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine
that they may be to us
the Body and Blood of your Christ.
Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

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

Our Father...

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

These are the gifts of God for the People of God.

We Share Communion

We Give Thanks

We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains, and river; for the songs of birds and the loveliness of
flowers. We praise you for these good gifts, and pray that we may safeguard them for
our posterity. And we give you thanks for the gift of your Son Jesus, for the
strengthening of the Holy Spirit and for the charge that you have given us to care for your
creation. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your
abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your name, now and forever. Amen.
Gathering and Declaration of Faith

There is one God
And one mediator between heaven
And earth the man Christ Jesus,
Who gave himself as a ransom for many.

Who ever is on the Lord’s side,
Let them join with me,
That we may come to the visions of God.

*Create a clean heart within me, O’ God,*
*So that it may become your chosen shelter*
*And the resting place of your Holy Spirit.*

May the Everlasting three-fold friendship of God,
Light of lights comes awaken our hearts
That we may live in the power of Your Grace.

Readings

Isaiah 2: 1-5

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

2 It shall come to pass in the latter days
   that the mountain of the house of the Lord
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
   and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,
3 and many peoples shall come, and say:
   “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
   to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”
For out of Zion shall go forth the law," and
the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

4 He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
 neither shall they learn war anymore.

5 O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord.

John 14: 23-27
Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love
them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. 24 Whoever does not
love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from
the Father who sent me.

25 “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. 26 But the Advocate, the Holy
Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you
of all that I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not
give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them
be afraid.

Reflections on the Day- Mountain Tops and Valleys
Prayers of the People
Confession

Confess your sins to Almighty God, the Three in One:

Happy are those whose sins are forgiven,
Whose wrongs are pardoned.
I will confess my sins to the Lord,
I will not conceal my wrong doings.
**God forgives and heals us.**
*We need your healing, merciful God. Give us true repentance. Some sins are plain to us, some escape us, some we cannot face. Forgive us, set us free to hear your word to us, set us free to serve you.*

God forgives you.
Forgive others.
Forgive yourself.
Through Christ, God has put away your sin; approach God in peace.

**The Peace**

Brothers & Sisters, the deep peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

*And also with you.*

**Communion Prayer**

The Lord is with us.

*And His spirit is here.*

We bless you, High King of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which earth has given and hands have made, they will be for us our spiritual food and drink.

*Blessed be God forever.*

As we bring this bread to you, Lord of the Elements, we offer up to you our hearts, our energies our labor, our leisure our relationships. Our minds our thoughts, time and talents, all that we create, all that we possess, Our souls, our coming and our going, our strength, our days and nights, our hopes and fears, the day of our birth and the moment of our death, Oh bread and breath of life.

We pour out this wine and offer to you the woes of life poured out. Disappointment, disease, hurt, or handicap. As grapes crushed to make this wine so we offer to you all who are crushed by hunger, homelessness, violence or abuse. You who put beam in sun and moon, take all this and transform it into the deep rich wine of everlasting life.
Lift up your hearts

_We lift them to the Lord_

Let us thank the Lord for all He has done

_Thanks be to God_

High King of the Universe, you brought forth the earth: Breathe wisdom into all your creatures till we reflect your three-fold friendship. In our pain and sorrow we cry out to you Lamb of God. Perfect sacrifice for our sins. By the power of your spirit may these gifts of bread and wine be for us Christ’s body and blood, who on the night He was betrayed took bread, gave you thanks, broke it and gave it to His disciples saying “Take eat, this is my body which is broken for you. After supper he took the cup, gave you thanks and said to them “Drink, all of you this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and the many for the forgiveness of sin. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me”

Alas we have seen the Son of the living God stretched out on a cross.
The human frame plunged into blood, a crown of thorns placed about His head.
Blood flowing freely from His side.
This cross is like the parting of the day from the night
Yet through it, all may now proclaim.

_Christ has died_
_Christ has risen_
_Christ will come again_

Risen Christ we welcome you.
Father send forth your Holy Spirit among your children
Feed us with the bread of heaven
May we become intoxicated with your holiness.

_Amen._

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

_Our Father…_

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

_Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!_

These are the gifts of God for the People of God.
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We Give Thanks

Heaven is intertwined with earth.
We have taken divine life into ours. Therefore;
  I rise up today clothed in the strength of Christ
  I go freed to weave Christ’s patterns
  I shall not fear
  I go loved to serve Christ’s weak ones
  I shall not be overwhelmed.
  I shall not be alone.

We Are Blessed and Sent

  May the peace of Christ go with us wherever he may send us
  May he guide us through the wilderness and protect us from the storm
  May He bring us home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown us
  May He bring us home rejoicing once again unto His doors
  In the name of the Father
  And of the Son
  And of the Holy Spirit.
The blessed three in one.

AMEN