

COMMUNION SERVICE

L: The peace of the Lord be with you.

P And also with you.

L Lift up your hearts.

P We lift them up to the Lord.

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Let us pray:

Living God, creator of heaven and earth, lover of all humanity, on this most joyous Good Friday day we offer our thanks and praise to you and the day we remember Jesus dying on the cross for us. We bless you for the world you have made, for your promises to your people Israel, and for the life we know in Christ Jesus Your Son.

Even when we turn away from you, you never reject us. You spoke words of mercy and love through the prophets; promising to swallow up death forever and to host a banquet for all people; a feast of life-giving sustenance.

O Gracious and merciful God, we praise you for Christ Jesus, your Word made flesh. Born of Mary, he shares our life. Eating with sinners, He welcomes us. Leading his followers, He guides us. Dying on the cross, He rescues us. Risen from the dead, He gives new life. He is the true Lamb who takes away the sin of the world.

THE SANCTUS

L And so, with all the company of heaven and earth, we praise Your holy name saying:

P 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 NARRATION

L We remember, O Father, in accordance with His command, how Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread and gave You thanks and praise and then broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat, this is my body, broken for you".

We remember too how in the same manner he took the cup of blessing, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and drink, this cup is my blood, the blood of a new and everlasting covenant for the forgiveness of sin, poured out for you and for many. As often as you drink it, do so in remembrance of Me".

THE ACCLAMATION AND MYSTERY OF FAITH

P Worthy is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain, to receive all power and wealth, wisdom and might, honour and glory and praise.

L Worthy indeed, O Lord, is thy Son Jesus Christ, who died so that we might live and who rose from the dead so that we might be one with him in your sight. We pray that our lives may always proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

THE CONSECRATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

L Loving God, send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts that the bread we break may be for us communion in the body of Christ, and the cup of blessing which we bless may be for us communion in the blood of Christ; and that being built up in love we may be strengthened in the unity of the faith and come to full maturity in Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray together as one family, your family, saying

P: 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, forever and ever. *Amen.*

THE DISTRIBUTION

The table of the Lord for the people of the Lord.
Come all you who hunger and thirst for righteousness
and receive that which God has prepared for you.

DEPARTING PRAYER (in unison)

L Let us pray

P: We thank you, O God, for the life and the hope you have given us
through the life, the death and the resurrection of our Lord Jesus
Christ. Watch over us, make us the people you want us to be, both now and
always. *Amen.*

COMMISSIONING (Unison):

In the power of the Holy Spirit we now go forth
into the world, to fulfil our calling as the people of God, the body of
Christ.

BENEDICTION

Go in peace

- and the blessing of the Ever-Present God be upon you,
- the power of the Risen Christ be within you,
- and the wisdom and gentleness of the Holy Spirit surround and uplift you
both now and forevermore.

Amen