

A Service of Holy Communion

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

[The congregation greets one another through the Comments Section of the live stream platform.]

*We covenant with hand and heart to follow Christ, our Lord,
With world, and sin, and self to part, and to obey his word;
To love each other heartily, in truth and with sincerity
And under cross, reproach, and shame, to glorify his name.*

PRAYER

Intercessions in Time of Crisis

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God of mercy, God of comfort, we come before you in this time of difficulty, mindful of human frailty and need, confused and struggling to find meaning in the face of suffering.

We are grateful that even as we share in the joy of Christ Jesus, we can also share abundantly in comfort in the midst of suffering.

For victims of fire or flood, storm or earthquake, famine or disease,
For those whom disaster has left homeless, injured, or bereaved,
For refugees and those separated from loved ones,
For all who are in danger, trouble, or anguish,

We ask the presence and strength of your spirit.

Give all who suffer the love that bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

We know that suffering produces endurance, endurance produces character, character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because your love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

Be the support of all who give their strength, their skill, and their stamina in a ministry of mercy.

Open our hearts in generosity that we may be partners in their commitment to bring relief.

Where tempers flare and a partisan spirit provokes new hostility, raise up people who have patience and restraint.

Where indifference allows crisis to deepen and suffering to go without relief, awaken deliverers who have zeal and strength.

We pray for those who are enraged in making important decisions in this time, for those who report on these events, and for those who shape public opinion.

Give them courage to speak out and the restraint to listen that together we may discern the truth and hold aloft its light.

Take away the temptation to trust in human power and military solutions, and give us the courage to be your servants to the community of nations.

Direct all governments in the way of peace and justice, that your will may be known and done among the nations. Deliver us from the sins which lead to war and conflict, and strengthen within us the will to establish righteousness and justice on earth.

We pray for those who are suffering and can make no sense of this tragedy.

Help them to turn to the One who embraces us in our lives - even Jesus Christ, who lived and suffered among us.

There is no one who is righteous, not even one, for we all have turned away from you. Make us aware of our common need of a Savior, and remove from our hearts the pride, ambition, and greed that would lead us to enslave and demean other people.

Have mercy on your whole creation. Hasten the day when the kingdom of the world shall become your Kingdom, and by grace make us worthy to stand before you. Amen.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

RECEIVING THE ELEMENTS

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand,
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descended, our full homage to demand.*

*King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture - in the body and the blood -
He will give to all the faithful his own self for heav'nly food.*

*The advent of our God shall be our theme for prayer;
come, let us meet him on the road and place for him prepare.*

*The everlasting Son incarnate stoops to be,
Takes on himself the servant's form to set his people free.*

*All glory to the Son, who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one through all eternity.*

PARTAKING OF THE BREAD

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
(All partake together)

SILENT PRAYER

By your divine presence,
By the holy sacraments,
By all the merits of your life, sufferings, death, and resurrection,
Bless and comfort us, gracious Lord and God. Amen.

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH IN SONG

PARTAKING OF THE CUP

In the same way, after supper our Lord Jesus Christ took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."
(All partake together)

SILENT PRAYER

Christ, the Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant to us your peace. Amen.

*O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's own
Truth and light, aglow with grace and mercy! Of
Jacob's race, King David's Son, our Lord and master,
You have won our hearts to serve you only!
Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, all victorious,
rich in blessing! Rule and might o'er all possessing!
As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore your splendor see.*

Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death,
Until he comes.

*Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the
People of God from his dwelling take leave. The supper is
Ended. O, now be extended the fruits of this
Service to all who believe. The seed of his teaching, re-
ceptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for
all. His grace did invite us, his love shall u-
nite us to work for God's kingdom and answer his call.*

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. **Amen.**

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