

World Communion Sunday Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: and also with you.

Come and worship God, who is sovereign over all nations, who loves the whole world—God, who knows each person by name and who is faithful to the generations.

Let every knee bow and every tongue give praise to God!

Come and worship God! Who in Jesus Christ brings forgiveness and reconciliation to the world, breaking down the barriers and hostilities between people and nations, who calls us to a Table set before us in the midst of the world.

Let the peoples come from north and south, from east and west, to sing a new song to God, to join hands around the Table, and together seek God's Shalom.

Come and worship God, who is present in the midst of all God's people, empowering, guiding and sustaining us by the Spirit, as we seek to follow the way of reconciliation and peace.

Come, Holy Spirit! Nourish us by Word and Sacrament, that we may be one with our sisters and brothers in faith, and one with you. Amen.

Let us pray:

**Gracious and most merciful God,
as we gather today, we thank you for the word you have given us,
and for the world wide community of faith in which you have placed us.
We thank you for the communion we have with your and one another
and for the Sacrament of life we share.
We ask you to expand our hearts
that they may be big enough to receive the greatness of your love
and large enough to show that love to everyone.**

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

**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.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...

...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.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine...

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

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

**Our Father (Creator) 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. Amen.**