

THE EUCHARIST

Transfiguration of the Lord

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Jesus said:

Behold, I stand at the door and knock;
if those who hear my voice open the door,
I will come in to them and eat with them,
and they with me.

O taste and see that the Lord is good!
Happy are all who find refuge in God!

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

It is truly right and our greatest joy
to give you thanks and praise,
eternal God our Creator.
You brought light out of darkness
and set the sun to brighten the day
and the moon and stars to illumine the night.
Your glory blinds the eyes of our sin,
while your radiance warms our needy hearts.
You lead us by the light of your truth
into the way of righteousness and peace.

(sing)

Let us break bread together on our knees, on our knees.

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When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

You are holy, O God of majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

On a lonely mountain
his human body was transfigured by your divine splendor.
In his face, we have glimpsed your glory.
In his life, we see your love.

For your image is untarnished in him,
and the burden of human sorrow and suffering
could not diminish his reflection of your holiness.
The world was dark at his death,
but the light of his life could not be extinguished.
From the grave he rose like the sun,
with blinding power and radiant peace.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ,
we take from your creation this bread and this wine
and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising,
as we await the day of his coming.
With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you
to be a living and holy sacrifice,
dedicated to your service.

(Sing)

**Let us drink wine together on our knees, on our knees.
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When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

Gracious God,
pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,
that the bread we break
and the cup we bless
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
that we may be one with all who share this feast,
united in ministry in every place.
As this bread is Christ's body for us,
send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Illumine our lives, O God,

with the radiance of Christ's love,
and inspire us to shine in faith and witness
as his holy disciples.

Transform us into his likeness
that we may live for you, as he lived,
and love others, as he loved them.

Give us strength to serve you faithfully
until the promised day of resurrection,
when with the redeemed of all the ages
we will feast with you at your table in glory.
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray:

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(By Intinction, dip a piece of bread into the cup.)

My friends: The table of bread and wine is set. It is the table of company with Jesus, and with all those who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth in which Christ became Incarnate.

So let us come to the table together.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, Lord, for this time of communion with you and with each other. By this meal and by our fellowship enliven and strengthen us for the days ahead. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen