

Communion Liturgy for World Communion Sunday

Prayer of Confession

Pastor: Lord, on this world communion Sunday, help us examine our hearts so that we may pay proper respect to Christ's sacrifice on the cross. Thank you for offering reconciliation to all of humankind, by the forgiveness of sins through Christ, our high priest.

All: All mighty and ever-present God, we confess our sins to you. We are truly sorry for our wrongdoings and shortcomings, for sins of commission and sins of omission. Forgive us, we pray, in Christ's name. Empower us to serve you fully, to share the resources we have with those who have less, to weep with those who weep, and to laugh with those who laugh. Help us to unite in love and concern for one another, not just in our local community, but with siblings in all the world. As we partake of the one bread & cup, impart on us your grace and mercy, unite us with Christ and with one another. Amen.

Words of Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Hear the good news, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God, Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God our Creator, whose image dwells in every face of the human family. In the faces of the matriarchs and patriarchs of Israel, we see your desire to raise up a chosen people. In the faces of the Bible's judges and rulers, we behold the sanctity

of your law. In the faces of your Hebrew priests and prophets, we witness your passion for justice and righteousness. So now, joined with the global chorus of our siblings in Christ around the world, we glorify you and pray for the day when the earth will be filled with the knowledge of you as waters upon the face of the sea.

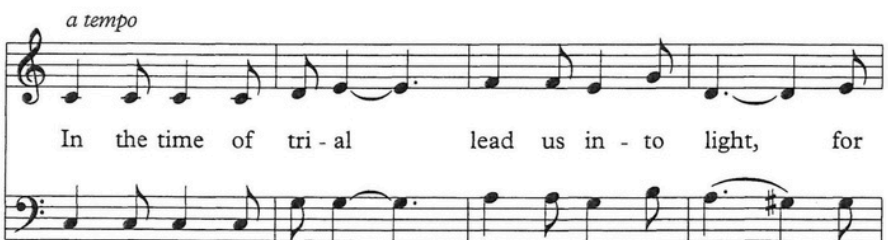
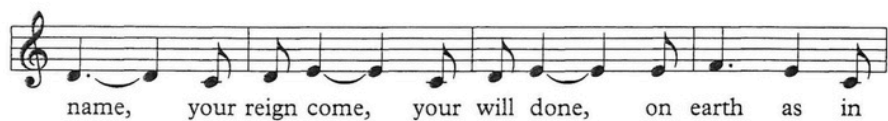
When the world could wait no longer, you sent your Son into the world to show us your many faces: unexpected child, unwelcomed refugee, unhoused wayfarer, teacher and rebel, healer and provocateur, lover of the unlovable, toucher of the untouchable, forgiver of the unforgiveable, loved by the least, feared by authority, friend of the weak, foe of the strong. In all of these faces, we beheld love's true form until the world could stand him no longer, so we made him a cross. When heaven could wait no longer, O God, you broke powers of death and raised Christ to new life.

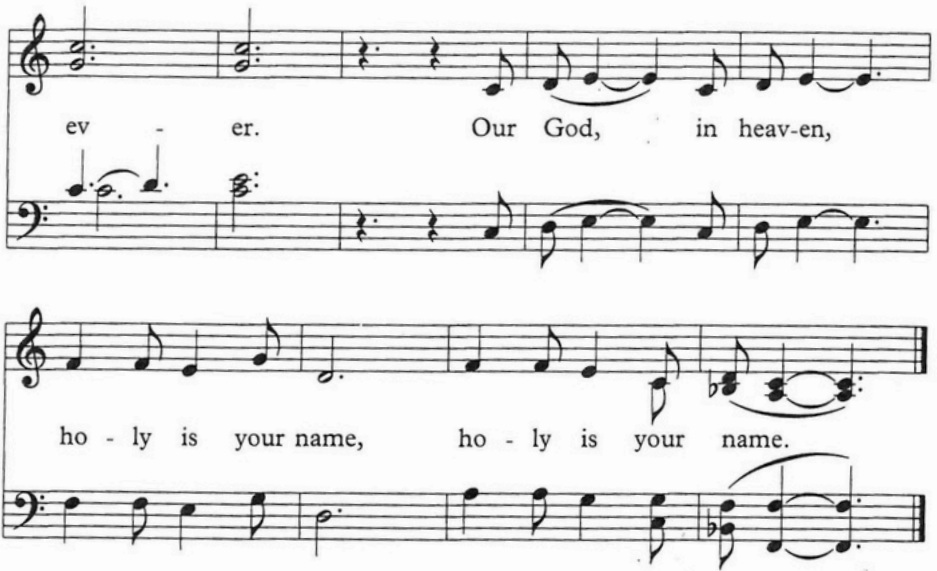
Come, Mighty Spirit, upon this bread and cup that they may be for us the communion of the body and blood of Christ. As once you set your face to Jerusalem to relieve your people's suffering once and for all—send now your Holy Spirit to the people of Palestine, starving and tired of being starved... the people of Burundi, impoverished and tired of being impoverished...the people of Ukraine, war-ravaged and tired of being war-ravaged... the people of El Salvador and Ecuador, corrupted and tired of being corrupted... the people of North Korea, silenced and tired of being silenced...the people of Israel who seek peace and are tired of waiting, and the people of the United States, divided and tired of being divided. By your Spirit unite all peoples in Christ until we feast with him and all the saints in light. 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.

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And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray as Jesus taught us to pray, singing:

The Lord's Prayer





RECIEVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

HYMN #620

"One Bread, One Body"

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All Saints' Sunday – November 2, 2025

Remembering those who have entered the Church Eternal

You can purchase a rose for our All-Saints' floral arrangement in remembrance of someone special. Those remembered will be listed in a bulletin insert. Please return the completed form with your payment no later than **Sunday, October 26th**. Each rose is \$10, with one rose per name. Members of Active Faith will be set up outside the narthex on **October 5, 12, 19, and 26** to receive the forms and donations by cash, credit card, or check. Payments can also be made online, but must be accompanied with a completed form. All proceeds from roses purchased will be for mission projects sponsored by the Active Faith small group.