

## **AGNUS DEI**

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.  
Jesus bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
Jesus redeemer of the world: grant us peace.

## **THE PEACE**

One: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
All: **And also with you.**

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

We do this in obedience to Christ's example and command.  
On the night when he was betrayed, Jesus took bread  
and after giving thanks to God he broke it  
and said, "This is my body which is for you;  
do this in memory of me."  
Let us share the bread of heaven together.

*(The Bread is shared with those gathered)*

## **TAKING THE CUP**

In the same way he took the cup  
and said: "This cup is the new covenant  
sealed by my blood.  
Whenever you drink it, do this in memory of me."  
Let us drink from the cup of salvation together.

*(The Cup is shared with those gathered)*

## **Communion Anthem**

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

Most gracious God, we praise you for what you have given and for what you have promised us here. You have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. Now we give ourselves to you; and we ask that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and that our love may be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

## **AN ORDER FOR THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*The congregation is invited to join in where the print is bold*

## **INVITATION**

This is the table where all are welcome;  
It is the table around which we gather with Jesus  
and with all who love Him. So come!  
You who have much faith and you who have little,  
You who have been here often,  
and you who have not been here for awhile,  
You who have tried to follow, and you who have failed.  
Come!  
Not because I invite you: But because God does.  
It is God's desire that those who want God  
should meet God here. So come!

## **GRACE**

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
All: **And also with you.**

## **INSTITUTION**

We are here because Jesus has invited us.

When Jesus was on earth, he often enjoyed meals with his friends. On the night before he died, when darkness was beginning to fall, he sat at table with the disciples in an upper room in Jerusalem.

At this Last Supper, he broke bread and took wine, and told his disciples to remember him by following his example.

Today, we are his disciples,  
and we are glad to do what he has told us.

## **TAKING THE BREAD AND WINE**

As the Lord Jesus took bread,  
I take this bread and wine  
to be set apart for this holy use.  
And as he gave thanks, let us give thanks and praise.

## **THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Loving God,  
you made this world marvelous for us to enjoy.

You gave Jesus to be our friend  
and to bring us to you.

You send your Spirit,  
to make us one family in Christ.

For these gifts of your love we thank you,  
and join with angels and saints  
in this joyful hymn of praise:

**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.**

Gracious God, send your Holy Spirit to bless our meal so that these gifts of bread and wine may become our communion with Christ our Lord. In our eating and drinking, may we know Jesus Christ and the life he brings. With glad hearts and strengthened spirits, we would be Christ's faithful people until we feast with him in glory.

Our praise to you, Gracious God, would be the offering of ourselves as living sacrifices, dedicated and fit for your acceptance. May this be so, as we share in the body and blood of Jesus Christ and know the ground of our faith:

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Hear us, Gracious God, as our prayers conclude with those words of prayer taught by Jesus to disciples who asked how they should 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 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.**