

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION LITURGY

*(The congregation please respond with the **bold** type)*

THE GREAT 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.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.

You bless us with Your great faithfulness. Even when we fall short as Your children, You never leave us but instead encourage us to walk in Your ways.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

(sung by congregation)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power; God of 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. Hosanna in the highest.

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

Jesus calls us to work and to rest in him. When we are caught up in worry and distraction, he teaches us a better way of life and 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. Great is the mystery of faith:

(sung by congregation)

Christ has died, Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

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PRAYER

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, so that the bread we break and the cup we bless may truly be for us the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Strengthen us in holiness, faithfulness, joy, and love, so that we may be ready at the coming of the Lord.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The blessing of the Bread and Cup with the words of Jesus.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Partake the bread and cup with the church together.

UNISON PRAYER

Gracious God, keep us steadfast in faith, never wavering from the hope of the gospel. Strengthen to run the race before us, always following the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, Jesus Christ, our Savior and risen Lord. Amen.