

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Words of Instruction Invitation to the Table

Communion Hymn

“Angels we have heard on High”
(elements uncovered)

VU 38(vs 1-2)

Gathering

Glory to God in the highest!

And on earth, peace to all!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is good to give thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, God of majesty and mystery. From the dawn of creation to the fullness of time you seek us out. We thank you that you find us in your Word made flesh, Emmanuel. We praise you for your revelation in stable warmth and birthing cry, in humility and in power. We bless you for this Good News of great joy, and join with angels singing and shepherds rejoicing to proclaim your praise:

***Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest,

blessed is the One who comes in God's name.

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Remembering the Meal

In the midst of celebrating Christ's birth, we remember why he came to this world.(...)To do this we go to the world proclaiming the mystery of our faith to all we meet saying together:

Christ has died.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Christ will come again.

Blessing of the Bread and the Cup

Christ enters our lives once again this day and calls us to continue his healing mission. Send your Spirit upon these gifts, O God, and hear us as we boldly proclaim the truth of our faith:

**Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours,
God most holy, now and forever.**

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

The body of Christ, bread for a journey newly begun.

The cup of the covenant, renewed at the birth of each new day.

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Come now for all has been made ready.

sharing the meal

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VU 38(vs 3-4)

Prayer after Communion (Unison)

Prince of Peace, Child of Promise, Emmanuel, Jesus. Over the years we have come to know you by many names. Over the years we have come to know the many ways in which you enter our lives. As you fill the night sky with the light of your coming, so fill our lives as you are born anew in us. May we carry the Hope, Peace, Joy and Love that has grown among us this season and share them with the world as we go from this place proclaiming the Good News of our brother Jesus Christ.

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