

# *The Sacrament of Holy Communion*

## **Words of Instruction Invitation to the Table**

### **Gathering:**

The flame of the Holy Spirit be kindled within you

**And also within you.**

Set your souls aflame with a burning faith,

**We set the Christ light in our hearts, lifting them to God.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

#### **Sanctus Benedictus**

MV 203

**O holy, holy, holy God,**

**O God of time and space.**

**All earth and sea and sky above**

**bear witness to your grace.**

**Hosanna in the highest heav'n,**

**creation sings your praise.**

**And blessed is the One who comes**

**and bears your name always!**

### **Remembering the Meal:**

Let us remember together that vision of God's reign shown to us in Jesus at table:

**he shared food with followers and friends,**

with saints and sinners,

**with crowds of thousands on the hillside,**

and a few friends in an upper room.

**On the night before he died, he had supper with his companions.**

He took a loaf of bread, and after giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to them, saying:

**"Take, eat. Do this in remembrance of me."**

Then, he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he passed it among them, saying:

**"Drink this. Do this in remembrance of me."**

Through this loaf and cup, Jesus lives within us.

**In word and deed, Jesus lives among us.**

Loving God, we rejoice in the gift of the Holy Spirit, breath of our lungs and flame in our hearts, and we remember Christ's life and death, proclaiming his resurrection. We wait in hope for his coming again. Grant that in praise and thanksgiving, we may so offer ourselves to you that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:

### **Memorial Acclamation**

MV 204

**Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again!**

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### **Blessing of the Bread and the Cup**

Holy God, we pray for your Spirit.

**Make us, while many, one.**

**Make us, though broken, whole.**

**Make us, despite death, alive.**

And so we pray:

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

### **Great Amen**

MV 205

**Amen, amen, O Holy One!**

**Hosanna and Amen!**

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### **The Lord's Prayer:**

VU 959

**Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup**

**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*

### **Choir Hymn:**

Here, O My Lord

VU 459

**Prayer after Communion (*Unison*):**

**We give thanks, O God, that bread broken brings wholeness; that wine poured out replenishes; that time spent with the Risen Christ and one another is gift and grace. Come, Holy Spirit, we are ready. Set our souls on fire. Amen.**

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