

# *Sacrament of Holy Communion*

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

### **Gathering:**

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.**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

God of all times and all places, God of the infinite and infinitesimal, in the blazing splendor of your glory you called forth:

**light from darkness,**

**day from night,**

**land from oceans,**

**and life in all its dazzling array from lifeless matter.**

Among the living you made and called humankind imprinting upon us your image, to be bearers of your glory in the world. Even when we failed to shine, and hid your image within us, you continued to call us into fellowship with you and to fulfill your mission for us:

**through the prophets,**

**through the scriptures,**

**through the movement of the Spirit,**

and a people you redeemed for yourself. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### **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:**

Holy are you, (...) in union with Christ's offering for us, as we 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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Christ will come again**

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

Holy Spirit, come into this bread and this cup.

Transform these ordinary objects

**As you change our hearts to shape and form your world  
with the joy you promise.**

Pour your grace upon us,

**so we overflow with your love.**

### **Great Amen**

MV 205

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

**Hosanna and Amen!**

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

**Hosanna and Amen!**

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

### **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*

### **Communion Hymn:**

Bread of Life

MV 194

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

Transforming God, we give thanks and praise to you that in tasting this bread, we find our place in the Body of Christ; in drinking of this cup, we receive again the assurance of your love. Grant us grace, that as we part ways we do not forget the significance of this meal, the life, death, and Resurrection of your son, and of your promises. Empower and encourage us to share our faith. In the name of Christ we offer this and all our prayers. **AMEN**