

## **Holy Communion**

*(Plain text – Pastor / **Bold text – All**)*

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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. By your appointment the seasons come and go.

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

You bring forth bread from the earth and create the fruit of the vine. You formed us in your image and made us stewards of your world. Earth has yielded its treasure, and from your hand we have received blessing on blessing.

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

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for our sake he became poor. When hungry and tempted, he refused to make bread for himself that he might be the bread of life for others.

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

When the multitudes were hungry, he fed them. He broke bread with the outcast but drove the greedy from the temple. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

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

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

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

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Outline / Highlights of Today's Message**

Christ, Our Savior  
Revelation 1:4-6

Christ's Coming and His Eternal Reign  
Revelation 1:7-8

The Kingdom of Christ  
John 18:33-36

Christ as the Testifier to the Truth  
John 18:37

The Nature of Truth – Jesus as the Truth  
John 14:6

Jesus' Purpose – To Testify to the Truth  
John 18:37

The Kingdom of Christ – Not of This World  
John 18:36

Christ, the Faithful Witness  
Revelation 1:5

Living in the Truth – Following Christ's Example - John 16:13

Testifying to the Truth in the World  
Matthew 28:19

Paul's example  
Acts 22:1-21

We are to Testify to the Truth  
Acts 22:1-21