# Communion Prayer

May God be with us.

**God is with us.**

Let us open our hearts.

**We open them to God and to one another.**

Let us give thanks to God.

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

It is right and good that we give you our praise, Holy One,

You made a covenant with Noah

 and placed the rainbow in the sky as a reminder of your promise.

You pledged to Abraham and Sarah that they and all their descendants

 would be your people and you would be their God.

You led Moses, Miriam, Aaron, and the Israelites

 out of enslavement to liberation and into a land of abundance.

You gave David strength and courage in the face of violence and oppression.

You called forth the prophets, Isaiah and Jeremiah, Amos and Hosea,

 to again spread your word of hope and peace rooted in justice.

Throughout time you offered life in abundance,

 life and abundance to be shared with all.

Still your people turned away from you as we do too.

But you remained faithful and sent Jesus to us:

Born in Palestine, in Bethlehem, and then a refugee in Egypt.

Raised in Nazareth, baptized in Jordan.

He called his disciples while in the Galilee and journeyed

through the Golan and along the Mediterranean coast,

through Samaria and then back to Palestine, to East Jerusalem.

He rejoiced with all who rejoiced and wept with all who wept.

He healed those who were broken.

He spoke your word of hope.

He worked wonders to reveal your glory,

and he offered your peace to all.

For all you have done, we join in thanksgiving and offer our praise:

**Holy, holy, holy God**

 **Source of life and love!**

 **Heaven and earth are full of your glory!**

 **Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who comes to bring your peace with justice to earth!**

On the last night Jesus spent with his friends,

he took a tradition of the people of that land

and transformed it into something new.

He took unleavened bread, the common food of the common people.

He blessed and broke it, and gave it to those around him, saying,

 “Take, eat, for this is my body, broken for you.

 Whenever you do this, remember me.”

After supper he took a cup of wine,

the common drink of the common people, and gave it to them, saying,

 “Drink this, all of you; this is the new covenant in my blood.

 Each time you do this, remember me.”

By remembering Jesus in this way,

we claim our common heritage,

we join in solidarity with all across the ages,

we stand together with all who have been on the margins.

On this day we also stand with those who are struggling:

 the people of Syria embroiled in the ravages of civil war,

 the people of Palestine and Israel who seek a just peace,

 our First Nations brothers and sisters longing for healing and hope.

Together let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ has risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Send your Spirit upon us and these gifts,

that all who share in this meal

may be the body of Christ:

 disciples who believe in peace with justice,

 compassion rooted in love,

 reconciliation based in mercy.

In this hope and as your people, we praise you.

**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

### Sharing the Bread and Cup

### Prayer after Communion