

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts and make this bread and this cup sustenance for our Holy Week journey. By your grace, may we experience anew the call you place on our lives to serve one another.

In feasting at your table, may our hearts be filled with courage once again to follow Christ, come what may.

Presentation

The body of Christ, the bread of life, broken and given for you.

The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation poured out for you.

Closing

In the United Methodist Church, communion is open to all, it doesn't matter if you are a Trinity member or not, it doesn't matter if you are a member or any church or not, it doesn't matter if you are worshiping in person or are worshiping from home. No matter your age, race, ethnicity, financial situation or relationship status, no matter your sexual orientation, gender identity, or ability. You are welcome here. There's a place at the table--there's a wafer and cup or bread and juice at home--for you.

Amen.

Liturgy by enfleshed,
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Palm Sunday

Liturgy for the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Bold Items Are the Congregation's Part

Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.

Liturgy

The Holy One be with you

And also with you

Open your hearts to the One who is Love

We open our hearts to you, O God

Let us give thanks to God, who gives us courage

To the One who calls us to lives of service, we give thanks and praise

From our beginning, you shaped us to live in service to one another and all the earth. You set us in the garden to co-create life with you. You surrounded us with creatures and creations that depend on our care. Our destinies have always been wrapped up in one another - our individual well-being bound to the well-being of all.

Therefore, we join our voices with your people on earth and all the company of the heavens, singing praise to you,

Holy, Holy, Holy One

God of justice and love

Heaven and earth are full of your wonder

Hosanna among us

Gracious One, we struggle with spirits of fear and greed that tempt us away from your original plan for us. We excuse ourselves from responsibilities to our neighbors. We struggle to believe we have anything to offer to the whole. And at times we knowingly do harm to others for the sake of our own gain.

You know our struggles, O God. And so, you sent us Jesus.

In him we learn how to show up for one another. Jesus lived in service to collective well-being. He sought out those in need of community. He befriended the ones who were isolated. He challenged the structures that destroy.

Through his life, you taught us that the same capacities live in us. We too can choose the way of service to collective life. You have given each of us gifts to play our part.

The same spirit of courage that kept Jesus proclaiming love even in the face of death lives in us.

On the night of his arrest, Jesus shared a meal with his companions.

He took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to his disciples and said:

"This is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

After the meal, he took the cup, blessed it, and shared it saying:

"This cup that is poured out is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

In remembrance of all you have done to save us, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ was birthed among us.

Christ was killed among us.

Christ rises again among us.