

Call to Worship

Leader: Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine.

Congregation: We gather with them in heart and mind.

Leader: Around the world the broken body is made whole.

Congregation: As part of that body we join in its unity.

Leader: Around the world the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.

Congregation: We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.

All: Let us worship together, let us share God's bounty.

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 5:6-11 (Amplified)

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God [set aside self-righteous pride], so that He may exalt you [to a place of honor in His service] at the appropriate time, casting all your cares [all your anxieties, all your worries, and all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares about you [with deepest affection, and watches over you very carefully]. Be sober [well balanced and self-disciplined], be alert and cautious at all times. That enemy of yours, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion [fiercely hungry], seeking someone to devour. But resist him, be firm in your faith [against his attack—rooted, established, immovable], knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being experienced by your brothers and sisters throughout the world. [You do not suffer alone.] After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace [who imparts His blessing and favor], who called you to His own eternal glory in Christ, will Himself complete, confirm, strengthen, and establish you [making you what you ought to be]. To Him be dominion (power, authority, sovereignty) forever and ever.

2 Peter 3:18 (Amplified)

18 but grow [spiritually mature] in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory (honor, majesty, splendor), both now and to the day of eternity.

Holy Communion

LEADER: 1 John 1:8-10 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. Let us confess our sin against God and our neighbors.

ALL: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

[Offer prayers of confession in silence.]

LEADER: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen. On the night of Your betrayal, Lord Jesus, You took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to Your disciples and said, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." You did the same with the cup after the supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out is the new covenant in my blood." Christ has come among us. Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ abides with us. Christ will come again.

ALL: Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.