Holy Communion: The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Liturgy from the Global Church

The Invitation

If you now believe in Jesus and have turned away from your life of sin; if by faith you are walking in a new life of love for God and love for your neighbor; then come to the Father's table where you will find comfort and strength.

The Lord's Prayer

"Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen."

The Affirmation of Faith

Heavenly Father, You promised forgiveness to all who turn to You. Have mercy upon us. Forgive our sins. Cleanse us from all wickedness. Make us to be full of goodness. Bring us to eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect

Heavenly Father, our hearts are open to you. You know all our desires. We have no secrets from you. By the power of the Holy Spirit we ask you to a deep cleaning, down to the very core of our being, so we can love You more deeply and worship You more faithfully. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Heavenly Father, we do not come trusting in ourselves, but we humbly trust in You. We are not worthy to gather the crumbs from under Your table, but You are full mercy and love. We come to Your table so we may receive in spirit and in truth the body of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and the

worth of His shed blood. Father, let us eat and drink so we may live and grow in the likeness of Jesus as we are being washed and cleansed through His blood. As we eat His bread and drink of His cup, let us live in Him and He in us. Amen.

The Prayer of Consecration of the Elements

Heavenly Father, You gave Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death upon the cross for our salvation. His sacrifice provides forgiveness for the sins of the whole world. Father, as we receive this bread and this cup we partake of His body and blood.

"The Master, Jesus, on the night of his betrayal, took bread. Having given thanks, he broke it and said, This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me.

After supper, he did the same thing with the cup: This cup is my blood, my new covenant with you. Each time you drink this cup, remember me." Amen.

When the bread is delivered, the pastor may say: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, preserve your soul and body for eternal life. Take and eat this remembering Christ died for you, and feed upon Him in your heart, by faith with thanksgiving.

When serving the cup the pastor may say:
The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, preserve your soul and body for eternal life. Drink this remembering Christ's blood was shed for you and be thankful.

The Benediction

May a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, come and settle down on you. And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be yours now and forever. Amen.



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