

## Synod #34 Friday Night Communion Liturgy

### INVITATION

This is the table of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
In great humility and love  
Jesus lived among us, he became one of us.  
He came, not to call the righteous,  
But sinners to repentance.  
He came not to condemn us,  
But to save us from our sins.  
He understands our doubts, our lack of faith,  
Our longing for more love, more holiness of life;  
And even now he accepts us as we are  
And calls us to be his disciples.

Come then to this holy feast.  
Come to our crucified Saviour and risen Lord.  
The Master is here and is calling to you.  
Come and receive the signs of his presence,  
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
***And also with you***

### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you  
***And also with you***  
Life up your hearts  
***We lift them to the Lord***  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

We give thanks to you, Lord God,  
for the gift of creation and life.  
You divided the light from the darkness  
and the water from the dry land;  
you made us in the image of yourself,  
and breathed into us the breath of life .

We thank you for the gifts of mercy and new life.  
Through the waters of the Red Sea  
you delivered us from suffering and servitude;  
at the foot of your sacred mountain  
you called us to truth and holiness;  
in the words of your holy prophets  
you called us to justice and compassion;  
through the lives of your blessed saints and martyrs  
you taught us wisdom and faithfulness.

We thank you for the gift of Jesus, your only-begotten.  
He is the newness of your promise to us,  
the brightness of our hope in you;  
for he emptied himself,  
taking upon himself our bondage,  
bearing our sins,  
carrying the sorrows of our pilgrimage.  
He was torn from the land of the living  
for his witness to your holy teachings,  
for fulfilment of your holy law;  
and has become the first fruit of earth in your kingdom,  
the One in whom your will is done.

And so we praise you  
with the faithful of every time and place,  
joining with choirs of angels and the whole creation  
in the eternal hymn:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.***

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#### THE NARRATIVE

On the night before he died,  
Jesus and his friends gathered together in the Upper Room.  
During supper he took some bread, saying:  
Blessed is the Holy One of Israel,  
Sovereign of all that is,  
who brings forth bread from the earth.  
After the blessing, he broke the bread  
and gave it to the disciples, and said:  
Take this and eat it; this is my body.

Then he took a cup, saying:  
Blessed is the Holy One of Israel,  
Sovereign of all that is,  
who creates the fruit of the vine.  
Having offered thanks,  
he gave the cup to them, saying:  
Drink from it, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
shed for all people for the forgiveness of sins.  
I tell you, never again shall I drink from the fruit of the vine  
until that day when I drink it anew with you  
in the kingdom of my Father.

Loving God,  
we offer you this bread and this cup,  
remembering his death and celebrating his resurrection.

You have made him the light of the nations  
and the bearer of justice to the ends of the earth.  
Send the Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts.  
Make us one with Christ in his self-giving,  
that through us he may bind up the broken hearted,  
comfort the mourners, open the eyes of the blind,  
and proclaim liberty to the captives;  
until justice rolls down like waters,  
and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

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. Amen***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
As we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us in the time of trial  
And deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
Now and forever. Amen.***

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Christ is the bread of justice,  
    who bore our sin.  
Christ is the cup of suffering,  
    the way to life.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

May we who share these gifts

***be found in Christ  
and Christ in us.***