

Service of the Lords Supper

This is an open table. You do not have to have been baptized or be a member of this or any church to take part in this meal. We invite you to receive these gifts of life and blessing, given freely by a compassionate God.

Communion Hymn “Glory to His Name” HFG #255, vs. 1,2& 4

Down at the cross where my Savior died,
Down where for cleansing from sin I cried,
There to my heart was the blood applied;
Glory to his name!

Refrain:

Glory to his name,
Glory to his name;
There to my heart was the blood applied;
Glory to his name!

I am so wondrously saved from sin,
Jesus so sweetly abides within;
There at the cross where he took me in;
Glory to his name! [Refrain]

Come to this fountain so rich and sweet,
Cast thy poor soul at the Savior's feet;
Plunge in today and be made complete;
Glory to his name! [Refrain x2]

Deacon: Jesus said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

People: In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Deacon: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Deacon: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Deacon: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

People: From before time, you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Deacon #2:

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so, this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

All: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

Words of Remembrance

People: Then, the time came for him to complete His purpose upon the cross, the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said:

Rev: “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

People: As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:

Rev: “Drink this, all of you: This is my love of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Sharing of the Lords Table

All are welcome at this table. Please come forward in two lines down the center aisle, take the bread and the cup from one of the deacons standing on either side. Please return to your seats down the outside aisles. If you are not able to come forward, one of our Deacons will bring the plate and cup to you.

Prayer of Thanksgiving