

Make us, while many, one.
Make us, though broken, whole.
Make us, despite death, alive.
And so we pray:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing The Meal Prayer

The body of Christ,
the Bread of life.
The lifeblood of Christ,
the cup of blessing.
Let us eat and drink together
for our strengthening in the faith,
and for the sake of the world

Prayer After Communion

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Advent Communion Liturgy

We are waiting,
for wrapped boxes to appear beneath lighted trees,
for the day to finally arrive when the fancy paper can be
ripped from those neatly wrapped presents to discover the
gift that is waiting for us.

We are waiting,
for hope to become a reality, for peace to find anchor in
places of violence, for joy to blossom like flowers
appearing in the snow, for love in all its forms to
unashamedly show itself even in the midst of scorn.

We are waiting,
for the miracle of life born unto us to kindle the thrill of
hope that this weary world most desperately needs.

We are waiting,
for that babe in swaddling clothes to be the embodiment of
hope, peace, joy, and love; that babe in swaddling clothes
lying in a borrowed cow trough who is the Christ: hope for
a weary world.

As Jesus became a man, he never forgot his humble
beginning, he never shunned the children, but said, "Let
the children come to me."

One child of God inviting all people young and old to
discover their worth and their place at the table.

Everyone is invited. Yes, you are really invited, for we are all children of God.

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts in prayer.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is good to give God thanks and praise.

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Jesus made it a habit to eat with workers, tax collectors, skeptics, fisher folk, refugees, those left outside knocking at doors, and even those banished for refusing to give up their true identity.

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This is the table where all are welcome.

**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. Hosanna in the highest!**

Believing that Jesus lives among us, we remember Jesus gathered with his friends for supper on the night before he died. Among those friends were
one who would doubt him,
one who would deny him,
one who would betray him,
and every one of them would leave him all alone before the night was over.

And he knew it.

Still, he sat down and ate with them.

If he was ready to eat with them, he's ready to eat with you: baptized or not, confessed or not, perfect or not, sure or not, saint or sinner or a little of both, all you have to be at this table is hungry.

Creator God, we remember Jesus,
Who on the night before he died,
took a loaf of bread,
gave you thanks, broke it, and said,

“Take and eat; whenever you do this, remember me.”

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup, saying,
“This is the new covenant; remember me.”

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

Gracious God, Breath of peace, Source of love,
we pray for your Spirit.