

Communion Prayer

OFFERTORY

INVITATION

Celebrant: Come to the table.
Feast and rejoice.
Come for the meal.
Receive that you may give.

(Presentation of the gifts, including bread and wine.)

Celebrant: The Holy One is here,
People: In our minds and in our hearts.

Celebrant: Let us open our spirits to God.
People: We come open and ready.

Celebrant: Give thanks to the Blessed One.
People: We give our thanks and praise!

Celebrant: O God, our mother and father,
bread baker and wine maker,
we give you thanks and praise.
With all creation we sing your praises:

All join in singing the song, Holy, Holy Holy. . .

See suggestions at the end of this communion prayer.
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Celebrant: *(continuing)*
You worked the world into being,
instilled all creation with life,
and shaped us as your people.
In Jesus Christ,
the bread of life and the true vine,
you feed us with the Word,
and nourish us from the stalk.

At table with a circle of his friends,
Jesus took bread and blessed and broke it,
and gave it to them,
saying:

**People: "Take. Eat.
This is my body
given for you.
Remember me,
each time you do this."**

Celebrant: After supper he took a cup,
gave God thanks for the wine,

and shared it with his friends,
saying:

People: **"Take. Drink.
This is God's promise,
 poured out for you.
Remember me,
 each time you drink it."**

Celebrant: O present One,
 help us recognize the risen Christ
 in the breaking of the bread.
 Open our eyes,
 warm our hearts.
 Send your Spirit in blessing:

As the celebrant raises hands over the elements, everyone joins in singing "Yours Is the Wheat as a blessing. An instrumental accompaniment is available at <http://www.ucc.org/worship/witgfl>.)

All sing: **Yours is the wheat and yours the grape,
 yours is the lea-ven and the love.
 Send your bles-sing on this bread;
 send your grace u-pon this cup.
 This is the feast your heart re-hearsed.
 Drink-ing this well, we do not thirst.
 This is the feast your heart re-hearsed.
 Drink-ing this well, we do not thirst.
 One: O God of goodness,
 through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
 let all creation give you glory,
 on this day and forevermore.**

Amen.

Celebrant: O God of goodness,
 through Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 let all creation give you glory,
 on this day and forevermore.

Amen.

Prayer of Our Savior
(People pray in their own familiar language and tradition.)

With the breaking of the bread

Celebrant: In the breaking of the bread,
 we recognize the Risen Christ.

With the pouring of the wine

Celebrant: In the cup of blessing,
we taste and see how gracious is our Savior.
The gifts of God for the people of God.
Come. The meal is ready.

*During communion all are invited to join in singing songs and hymns.
After the communion meal has been distributed, all join in prayer.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: Holy One,
you gave us this day our daily bread
and nourished us with Christ's presence:

People: **we thank you.**

Leader: Send us from this meal,
with the Bread of Life,

People: **to feed all who hunger for your Word.**

Leader: Send us from this meal,

People: **to care for your gift,
this fragile and beautiful planet.**

Leader: Send us from this meal,
with the Cup of Life,

People: **to work for justice with joy,
a world sharing the abundance of God.**

Leader: Make of us your salt and light and leaven.

People: **In Christ's name we pray.**

(Suggestions for Holy, Holy, Holy include 793 in TNCH, Santo, Santo, Santo and other settings from Book of Worship.)

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