

ONE: Gathering all our concerns and hopes into one,
let us pray the prayer Jesus gave to his disciples

ALL: **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

ONE: We break this bread,

ALL: **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Choir: Lamb of God (*Agnus Dei*) VU 940

*Those who are serving come to the table and are served, then go to their stations.
Beginning with the outer pews, we come to the front via the two inner aisles, walking down
on the side where people are seated and back along the empty seat side. We share Bread
and Cup and return to our seats. After all those in the outer pews are back in their seats
and the servers are repositioned those in the inner pews come.*

The Choir sings while we commune
Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring—J. S. Bach

Seated, we pray together

ONE: Let us pray together.

ALL: **For the self-giving love embodied here,
for love shown to the loveless
for the love which softens our pride,
heals our hurts, gives purpose to our lives,
we give you thanks. Amen.**

The Communion Prayer



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

ONE: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
for the gift of a world full of wonder,
and for our life which comes from you.
By your power you sustain the universe.

ALL: Glory to you for ever and ever.

ONE: You created us to love you with all our heart,
and to love each other as ourselves,
but we rebel against you and betray each other
by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Beloved Child,
you bring healing to our world
and gather us into one great family.
Therefore, we join together
with the whole creation
to praise your name.

Choir: Holy, Holy, Holy (*Sanctus and Benedictus*) VU 936

ONE: We give you thanks and praise, O Trinity of Love,
because in coming to us in Jesus
you showed us how much you love us.
He cares for the poor and the hungry.
He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back
but overcame hatred with love.
On the cross
he defeated the power of sin and death.
By raising him from the dead
you show us the power of your love

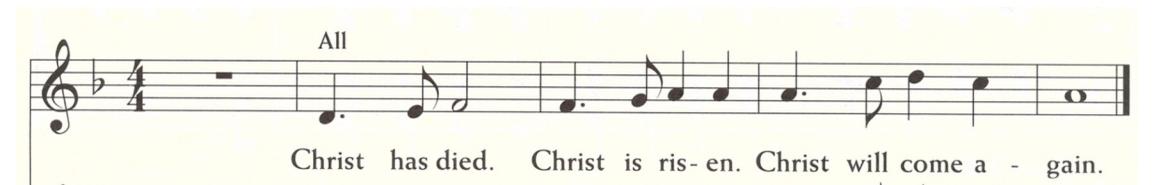
to bring new life to all.

ALL: Glory to you for ever and ever.

ONE: On the night before he gave up his life for us,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them,
saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is the cup of my blood,
the blood of a new and eternal covenant,
which is shed for you and for many,
so that sins may be forgiven,
Do this in memory of me."

ALL: Therefore with joy we acclaim our faith.



ONE: Gracious God,
with this bread and cup

**ALL: we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus,
and we offer ourselves to you in him.**

ONE: Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts,
that we may know the presence of Jesus
in the breaking of bread,
and share in the life
of the family of your children.

ALL: Glory to you for ever and ever.