



Sunday, October 4, 2020



Welcome & Announcements ~ Jan Richardson

Candle Lighting and Morning Prayer

As we begin this new day, O God, remind us that you are the light in our darkness. When we are discouraged, remind us that you are our hope. When we feel uncertain, let us feel the warmth of your love like the late summer sun shining on our faces. When we feel exhausted by the evil and suffering that we see all around us, remind us of the abundant, prodigal beauty and goodness that is also present, if we have eyes to see the gifts of creation. Holy Spirit, guide and protect us as we go about the tasks of this day and help us to remember and to live out the truth we claim in Christ, that the Light of this world sustains and upholds us all. We place our trust in you. Amen. [Lisa Waites](#), [Casa : An Experiment in Doing Church Online](#)

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Communion Liturgy for World Communion Sunday, a resource shared by Maren Tirabassi, from *Gifts in Open Hands – More Worship Resources for the Global Community* (Tirabassi and Eddy, Pilgrim Press 2011) and two from its predecessor *Gifts of Many Cultures* (Tirabassi and Eddy, Pilgrim Press, 1995). Used with permission. <https://giftsinopenhands.wordpress.com/2020/09/25/holy-communion-liturgy-for-world-communion-sunday-october-5-2020/>

Invitation to Communion

We rejoice in the God of life, who gives us bread:
the fruit of the earth, worked with human hands. making it into the bread of life.
We rejoice in the God of life, who gives us wine:
the fruit of the vine, tended with daily care, putting the flavour of the new world into it.
As the wheat and grapes are joined on this table in bread and wine -
into a visual symbol for us -
May our church join together into a visual symbol for the entire world. (Germany)

Reconciliation (from Chile)

¡SHALOM!
Paz, peace, py'aguapy.
We commit, God, to searching for:
The healing of my relationship with you.
The healing of my relationship with myself.
The healing of my relationship with others.

The healing of my relationship with all your creation.
¡SHALOM!

Assurance of Grace *(China)*

Forgiveness is forgetting bad things, remembering good things.
Forgiveness is accepting God's love.

Naming of Countries

In this World Communion, we pray for particular countries.

People respond by naming the countries that come to them in this moment.
(hold space/silence)

Words of Remembering

Remember, the Lord, the friend of sinners,
who were the oppressed, the estranged, the weak, the sick, widow, orphans.
Remember, the Lord, the one disliking of the common structure and power.
Remember, the Lord, the one sharing of daily food in life.
Remember, the Lord, the one liberating from a dictator.
We remember thy suffering, O Lord, at thy Last Supper. *(Korea)*

Prayer of Consecration

You emptied yourself completely keeping nothing for yourself.
Now, naked, utterly stripped, you give yourself to us as bread that sustains us
and as wine that consoles us.
You are Light and Truth
You are the Way and the Hope
You are Love. Grow in us. *(Guatemala)*

Sharing of the Elements

The ears of wheat are broken, and scattered on the hillside to grow.
Gathered, they are broken again, and scattered throughout the city to make bread.
The bread is scattered to each home, and broken to make nourishment.
Broken and scattered, broken and scattered,
and some becomes Christ's body broken for us
as we are the people of God scattered through the city
and, perhaps, broken to give nourishment to others. *(South Africa)*
We receive this bread, broken, scattered and made whole.
(Pause)
We drink this cup, thirsty, longing, willing to be poured.
(Pause)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give you thanks O Lord, for all food that has arrived at our table from your generosity. Bless the people who have made it possible, from the cultivation of the earth until it arrived to us. Give bread to those who are hungry, and to those who have bread give us hunger for you. Amen *(Mexico, grace contributed from an orphanage in Colima, may not be the original source)*

Congregational Theme/Story Time ~ *(based on Exodus 20:1-20)*

A Responsive Reading of the Ten Commandments, page 877 VU, with sung refrain. *(a paraphrase from Exodus 20 & Deuteronomy 5)*

Unison Prayer

Come, fulfill the law in us, dear God.
Give us wisdom and strength
to accept your law as a blessing.
Give us courage and devotion
to follow your law as our duty
and covenant with you.
Hear our silent prayers now as we ask for your help in following these commandments.
(pause for silent prayers)
God, go with us from this place and remain our blessing, our peace, and the Word that dwells among us. Amen.

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Minister's Message/Reflection

Sung Prayer ~ Make Me a Channel of Your Peace #684 VU

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Benediction *(from the Iona Community, Scotland)*

For all that God can do within us, for all that God can do without us,
THANKS BE TO GOD!
For all in whom Christ lived before us, for all in whom Christ lives beside us.
THANKS BE TO GOD!
For all the Spirit wants to bring us, for where the Spirit wants to send us,
THANKS BE TO GOD.
Listen, Christ has promised to be with us in the world as in our worship.
We go to serve. We go in Christ.
AMEN.

Parting Hymn: Sent Forth by God's Blessing #481 VU

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