

Celebration of Holy Communion

Pastor Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love Him , who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

All **Merciful God,**
We confess that we have not loved you
with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor Hear the good news:
 Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
 that proves God's love toward us.
 In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are Forgiven!**

All **Glory to God. Amen.**

Pastor And now, as forgiven and reconciled people,
 Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

THE OFFERING IS COLLECTED.

THEN STAND AND SING:

All **(singing) Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow**
Praise Him all Creatures Here Below
Praise Him Above ye Heavenly Host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Pastor Lift up Your Hearts

People We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give
Thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.
You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through the prophets.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we
praise your name and join their unending hymn.

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and
Might, heaven and earth are full of your
Glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the
highest.**

Pastor Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus
Christ, your Spirit anointed Him to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time
Had come when you would save your people.
He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism
of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new
covenant by water and the Spirit.
When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always,
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

Pastor On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave
Thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples and said,

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for You. Do this in remembrance of me.

When the supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and Said, "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

Pastor Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of
Christ, that we may be for the world the body of
Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.

All Amen.

Pastor And now, with the confidence of children of
God, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**All Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,**

on earth as in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those who trespass
 Against us.
 Lead us not into temptation
 But deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
 Forever and ever. Amen.

Pastor Because there is one loaf,
 we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.
 The bread which we break is a sharing in the Body of Christ.
 The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

We celebrate communion by intinction here, and that is when you receive
 the bread and then when the cup is offered, you dip the bread into the
 juice and then eat the bread.

All of our bread is gluten free.

This table does not belong to Alexander Chapel
 or to the United Methodist Church.
 This is Christ's table and all are invited.
 Please come.

Following the giving of bread and wine:

Pastor Let us pray

**All Eternal God, we give you thanks for this
 Holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we
 may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,
 to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.**

Closing Hymn