



# J. J. WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

COMMUNION INSERT

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## *Sacrament of Holy Communion*

### **Invitation to God's Table**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

### **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks and praise to God.

**It is always right and our greatest joy to give God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe. At your word the earth was made and spun on its course among the planets.

Your hand formed us from the dust of the earth and set us among all your creatures to love and serve you. When we were unfaithful to you, you kept faith with us. You spoke of love and justice in the prophets, and in the Word made flesh you lived among us, manifesting your glory. Jesus Christ died that we might live and is risen to raise us to new life. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**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.**

He came with healing in his touch and was wounded for our sins. He came with mercy in his voice and was mocked as one despised. He came with peace in his heart and met with violence and death. By your power he broke free from the prison of the tomb. The one who was dead now lives. The one who humbled himself is raised to rule over all creation, the Lamb upon the throne. The one ascended on high is with us always as he promised. Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ that we might be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ for the world. Nourished at this table, O God, may we know Christ's redemptive love and live a new life in him. Give us who are fed at his hand, grace to share our bread with the hungry and with the hungry of heart. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory, and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. **Amen.** As our Savior taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way he took the cup, saying: This is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes again.

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Communion of God's People**

#### **Prayer After Communion**

**Gracious God, we give you thanks that by the witness of your Word and the sharing of this meal you have opened our hearts and eyes to the presence of Christ among us. Now send us forth from this place by the power of your Spirit to the tell this good news to the world: The Lord has risen indeed! Amen.**