

Christmas Eve Communion

Invitation:

Open your hearts to this night of incarnation.
Tonight we celebrate the birth of a very human baby,
knowing that this Jesus is fully divine, eternal in the heavens.
Tonight we celebrate the birth of Christ, with bread and cup
knowing that Christ is present as we partake of his body and blood.
Come with awe and reverence to this holy moment.

Confession:

Prince of Peace calm us.
Forgive all our violent ways.
Use us to bring peace.

Come Great Physician.
Forgive our unhealthy ways.
Form healthy habits.

Savior of the World.
Keep us from all division,
United by grace. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

Jesus loves you, this I know.
Receive this gift of forgiveness
bringing a Merry Christmas to all!

Great Thanksgiving:

Your Word is divine.
It all began with Your Word.
And Christ was with You.

All things came to be,
Without Christ there was nothing,
The source of all life.

Jesus' life is light.
This light shined in the darkness,
Darkness does not win. (John 1:1-5)

Although You were God,
Nothing was more important,
Than love for the world.
The form of a slave
Taking on human likeness

Mary's wee baby.

You humbled Yourself
Obedient to the death
A death on a cross.

Highly exalted,
A name higher than all names.
Now every knee bends.

Every tongue confess.
In heaven on the earth
That You are Lord. (Philippians 2:6-11)

You're the bread of life.
Anyone who comes to You,
Never tastes hunger.

Whoever believes,
They will never be thirsty
We have now seen You. (John 6:35-36a)

If we will believe
We will do the works that You do,
And even greater!

All those who love You
They will keep Your commandment
To love all others.

You asked the Father,
To send us our Advocate,
The Spirit of Truth. (John 14:12-17a)

Prayer After Communion:

Thank You for sharing with us this quiet communion.
The holy mystery of Christ's birth invites us to open our hearts
and to let him dwell with us. As we go out into this night
inspired by the shepherds let us share all we have seen and heard.
That others might be blessed by his grace too. Amen.