

Holy Communion Service
(*Seeing Jesus*)

(*Confession*)

**Source of mercy and grace,
we come before you knowing that others do not always see Jesus in us.
We have not acted like Jesus.
We have not loved like Jesus.
Our words have not sounded like Jesus.
We have not been a source of help in times of need, like Jesus.
Forgive us for hiding Christ's light from those who need its hope.
Forgive us for remaining silent when the oppressed needed to know that Jesus stands with them.
Help Christ become more visible in us, that he might be lifted up and glorified. Amen.**

(*Absolution*)

“God is light and in him is no darkness at all.”
“If we walk in the light, as he himself is in the light,
we have communion with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son purges us of all sin.”
In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

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Thanks be to God! Amen.

(*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 to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Thank You for all those who have helped us see Jesus.
Those who showed us how to love.
Those who showed us how to forgive.
Those who touched our hearts with their kindness.
Thank You for all those who like Jesus died to self to make our lives more abundant.
Those who wiped away our tears.
Those who listened to the cries our hearts.
Those who showed us how much You care.
Thank You for all those who showed us how to follow Jesus.
Those who encouraged us not to give up.
Those who would patiently guide us when we lost our way.
Those who took us by the hand so we did not have to walk alone.

For these lives that have helped us see Jesus,
we join with a world that grieves their loss, to sing Your praises.
We join with those who with them, gather around Your heavenly throne
and still encouraging us even now to join with them to proclaim:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed are they who come in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

We see Your holiness in Jesus.
We observe Your love in Jesus.
We experience Your mercy in Jesus.
You and Jesus are one,
and You invite the world to see that this same Jesus is now one with us.

You want the world to hear the joy of Christ in our laughter,
and in the pleasure we find in being filled with life.
You want the world to feel the warmth of Christ
as we support one another with a supportive embrace.
You want the world to see Christ in us when we lay down our lives for others,
even our enemies.

Jesus wants us to see him,
when we wash each other's feet.

Jesus wants us to see him,
each time we bless this bread,
and share it with all saying Christ's words:
"Take, eat, this is my body broken and given for you."

Jesus wants us to see him,
each time we bless this cup,
and share it with all saying Christ's words:
"Drink from my cup all of you,
for it contains my blood, poured out as living testimony
to God's eternal covenant of forgiveness, with you and with this beloved world."

We want the world to see Jesus in us,
this is why we choose to proclaim through our words and lives this mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Spirit of Christ, Divine Revelation
reveal in these gifts of bread and wine,

the reality of the body and blood of Christ,
allowing us to see Jesus.

Spirit of Christ, Divine Revelation
reveal through our lives
the reality of Your church,
the living body and perfect bride of Christ,
allowing the world to see Jesus.

Spirit of Christ, Divine Revelation
Continue to inspire us through the lived testimony of all those who have gone before us.
Allow the world to now see Jesus also in us.
Allow the world to now feel the love of Jesus through us.
Allow the world to now experience words of Christ through us.
It is only through Christ, by Christ, with Christ and in Christ
with the power of the Holy Spirit and through the grace You created to transform the world that
we pray, seeking only to bring You glory and honor now and forever. Amen.

Now may we join together in prayer as Jesus taught us:

**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 glory and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

(Prayer after communion)

We thank You for bestowing upon us the gift of this Holy Mystery that we have shared in Jesus Christ. Thank You for revealing Your presence and Your love to us in this holy sacrament.

Now

send us out into the world, using us to reveal Your presence and love to others, that they too might join with us in knowing Your grace and acceptance. That they might join us in praising Your name forever. Amen.