

Service of Holy Communion for All Saints Day  
(*Marks of Repentance*)

**Invitation:**

One: Saints, no matter your stage of spiritual development, come and gather at the table of your Lord. Find the nourishment needed for your souls. Find the reconciliation needed to please the Lord. Come together, saints and be the family of God.

**Confession:**

**All: Words are not enough to reveal the depth of our repentance. Too often we take our repentance lightly, leaving them but a thin veneer of pretty words. You want to see the fullness of our repentance through the changes in us everyone can see. You want our restitution. You want our reformation. You want our acts of reclamation. You expect the our old self to pass away, transformed into a resurrected new life. May it be so. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance:**

One: Because you confessed your sins, Christ has forgiven all your sins and cleanse you from all your unrighteousness. The blood of Jesus has cleansed you from your sins. Thanks be to God.

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**Thanksgiving:**

One: God knows we are not perfect.

**All: We are but saints in process.**

One: God rejoices when we live lives of true repentance.

**All: Even when we struggle to make things right.**

One: God want us to celebrate, even our smallest victories,

**All: and join together as all of heaven rejoices with us.**

One: You make yourself the guest of sinners.  
You have knocked on the doors of our hearts  
and come into our lives and live with us.  
In worship we give to the poor and  
if we have defrauded anyone  
we pay them back with interest.  
We want our old behaviors to pass away,  
and to welcome a new beginning only you can provide.  
We extend this same fresh start to others,  
those who have harmed us and sinned against us.  
We join our praise to theirs,  
as you unleash a tsunami of grace crashing over the earth  
tearing down those old dividing walls between us.

Today all the saints of God on earth and in heaven join together in celebration:

**All: Give thanks to the Lord!  
Whose goodness and love, endures,  
Forever! Amen!**

**Let all the redeemed,  
Redeemed from both near and far  
Let them all say so!** (Based on Psalm 107:1-2)

One: We are redeemed,  
and Jesus has truly brought salvation to our home.  
Jesus does not care who you believe you are:  
slave or free,  
believer or unbeliever,  
righteous or unrighteous,  
orthodox or unorthodox,  
conservative or progressive,  
religious or irreligious,  
acceptable or unacceptable.  
Jesus wants to come into your life today.

Jesus not only wants to eat with you,  
but desires to kneel before you to wash your feet  
as one of the precious saints of God.  
In response Jesus hopes you will follow and do the same for others.

Jesus not only wants to eat with you,  
but with rejoicing Christ breaks the bread of new life,  
and gives it to you and those in your house, saying:  
“Come and eat together, this is my body broken and given for you.”  
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Jesus not only wants to eat with you,  
but with rejoicing Christ pours the wine of new life,  
and gives it to you and those in your house, saying:  
“Come and drink together, this is the cup of my blood,  
shed in proclamation of God everlasting covenant of abundant grace,  
established with you and all for the forgiveness of sins.”  
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Christ has come into us and supped with us.  
Christ has redeemed us and given us new lives.  
This is why we want our lives to reflect this holy mystery:

**All: Christ died for our sins.  
Christ arose to give us victory over sin and death.**

**Christ returns in all the saints to transform the world.**

One: Grief for Sin, Crucified Life  
transform these gifts of bread and wine,  
so we might share together the benefits of the body and blood of Christ,  
resurrection and new life.

Grief for Sins, Crucified Life  
transform the gift of our lives, our restitution  
so that the world might share together the benefits of your church,  
the sacrificial body and compassionate bride of Christ,  
resurrection and new life.

Grief for Sins, Crucified Life  
receive the repentance of the Choptank Charge  
and that of the whole United Methodist Church.  
We will give what we have to care for the poor.  
Where we have harmed others we will pay them back four times,  
we will turn the other cheek, and walk the extra mile.

**All: In the name of Jesus receive our full repentance.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit quicken in us the fruit of repentance.  
By the grace of God, may we become a new creation bringing forth your glory.  
So that you might receive all the praise forever more. Amen.**

One: Now let us pray the prayer Christ taught us in one accord:

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

**Prayer after Communion:**

**All: We are eternally grateful, that you extended to us an invitation to partake of this  
holy mystery. We have sat at your table and fed upon your grace. You have  
strengthened our faith, improved our health, and given us hope. Now send us out  
with your blessing, to share your good news with a world that has not heard, nor  
seen, what you have yet in store for them. Use us as extension of your grace and  
mercy. Amen.**