

Holy Communion
(Sixth Sunday of Easter - Guidance)

Invitation:

One: We're not here by accident.
Guiding grace is evident.
In the past we've found Your grace.
Now we long to see Your face.
Your grace has made us able
To find You at this table.

Confession:

**All: We have gone astray like sheep.
Wandered off and gone to sleep.
We have refused your guidance.
Not giving your rules a chance.**

**Troubled, we need Your mercy.
Lost, we need Your help to see.
Rod and staff they comfort us
Listening now, please speak to us.
Amen.**

Words of Assurance:

One: Christ has left the ninety-nine.
Hoping to find you in time.
With grace and mercy given
In Christ you are forgiven.
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Great Thanksgiving:

One: The Lord is always with you.
All: Always ready to guide you.
One: Hopes we will not go astray.
All: Watches o'er us night and day.
One: Filling hearts with joyful praise.
All: Guiding us in all our ways.

One: Your guidance is a blessing.
There is much we are missing.
We don't notice we are lost,
Nor how much You are cost.
Just wanting to set us free,

From the snares we do not see.
Thank You for not giving up
Until our sin You disrupt.
We fill the world with Your praise
Now, tomorrow and always.

**All: Guide the steps we choose to take.
Guide our thoughts when we're awake.
Guide the tasks we choose to do.
Help us live our lives for You.**

One: We do wish to live for You,
And Jesus with all we do.
Guided by his example,
Christ's life the perfect sample.

A life lived with gracious love.
A touch, gentle as a dove.
Mercy shown to friend and foe.
Healing all from head to toe.

Washing feet just like a slave.
It was souls Christ tried to save.
We're to do as he has done.
It's with love the world is won.

To guide us Christ took the bread.
Thank you God is what he said.
Take and eat this, all of you.
My body given for you.

To guide us Christ took the wine.
Thank you Father now's the time.
Take this cup filled with my blood
Poured to show that God is love.

We do cherish your guidance.
Willing now to take a chance.
We choose to follow Jesus,
By mystery Christ leads us.

**All: In our sin Christ died for us.
Living, Christ enlivens us.
We can see Christ comes again
Saving us from all our sin.**

One: Guiding Spirit come you must,
Transform bread and wine for us,

Into the body of Christ,
The ongoing life of Christ.

Guiding Spirit now touch us,
Changing our lives as You must,
Into the church, Your presence,
Your body, bride and essence.

Guiding Spirit now enlarge,
Your love on the Choptank Charge.
Lead them in Your way of peace,
Perfect love in all increase.

**All: Jesus hear our earnest prayer.
Spirit help our hearts to care.
Father make our lives anew.
May we always worship You.
Amen.**

One: Let us pray in Jesus way:

**All: Holy is Your name today.
May Your will and kingdom come.
Your heavenly will be done.
Give the food we need today.
Take all of our sins away.
Just like others we forgive.
Without temptation, let's live.
From evil now deliver,
Glory and power forever.
Amen.**

Prayer after communion:

One: Thank You for this mystery
Based in Jesus' history.
Our lives are changed! We now bless!
Send us as your witnesses.
Amen.