

## Holy Communion

\* Hymn: "Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face"  
VU #459 vs.1,2

### A Call to give Thanks

May God be with us.

**God is here among us.**

Let us open our hearts to God.

**We open them to God and to one another.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give thanks because God is always with us.

We thank God, Creator of us all;

from the beginning God made the world and all its creatures.

You gave us people to live for you and for one another.

We praise you, O God.

**We praise you, O God.**

You showed Noah a rainbow;

you gave Moses strength to free your people

and taught Miriam to sing;

you gave courage to Esther and loyalty to Ruth;

you gave David a harp to sing your praise.

We praise you, O God.

**We praise you, O God.**

Yet, even they turned away from you and forgot about you. But you did not forget. You sent Jesus to the world to show how much you love us and to bring us back to you again.

We praise you, O God.

**We praise you, O God.**

He came as one of us, first an infant, then a child, a youth, finally an adult.

He rejoiced with those who rejoiced, and wept with those who wept.

To the despairing, he spoke a word of hope.

To the sick, he gave healing.

To the hurting, he was a friend.

Still, people turned away from you.

They betrayed Jesus and nailed him to a cross.

But he rose from that death and restored his life, that he might be with us and we with him,

alive for evermore!

Therefore with all the saints of every time and place, we join the angels in their praise:

### Song of Creation

**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.**

### Remembering Jesus at Table

We gather at this table to remember that on the night before he died, Jesus ate with his friends, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it and gave it to them, saying:

**"Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.**

**Each time you do this, remember me."**

That same night, Jesus also took a cup, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends, saying:

**"Drink. This cup, poured out for you, is the promise of God.**

**Whenever you drink it, remember me."**

We drink this to remember Jesus.

We remember Jesus' death and celebrate his  
resurrection;  
we await with hope his coming again  
to bring peace and justice to the earth;  
and we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Affirmation of Memory and Hope**

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

**Prayer of Transformation / Blessings of the Elements**

Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these  
gifts,  
that all who share in this bread and cup may be the  
body of Christ: light, life, and love in the world.

**Sharing of Holy Communion**

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                                     VU #459 vs.3,5

**Concluding Praise**

**Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory is yours, God most holy,  
now and forever.  
Amen.**