

**Sacrament of Holy Communion -
Worldwide Communion:**

The Invitation:

As we come to this table, we are reminded that this is the table of Jesus Christ, a banquet prepared for everyone, all who seek to be nourished and sustained in their journey of faith all who seek wholeness and compassionate paths to peace and justice, are welcome here.

Communion Hymn: “For Everyone Born” TLUS # 23

- 1 For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
For everyone born, a star overhead, and

Refrain

***God will delight when we are creators of justice and
joy, compassion and peace; yes***

***God will delight when we are creators of justice,
justice and joy!***

- 2 For all who share life, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for all who share life, a system that's fair, and
(Refrain)
- 3 For those we neglect, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of the child in hands that are wrinkled,
for those we neglect, the right to belong, and
(Refrain)

- 4 For all who have breath, a place at the table,
a covenant shared, a welcoming space,
a rainbow of race and gender and color,
for all who have breath, the chalice of grace, and ***(Refrain)***

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

May God be with you,

And, also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God,

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We do praise and thank you, loving God, for all the many things you have done for us, your people.

You created the universe, planted a garden, filled it with trees, plants and rocks, animals and people and where you invited them to live in harmony.

We give you thanks and praise, O God.

You sent us Jesus. He came as a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger. Jesus was a son, a brother and a friend.

We give you thanks and praise, O God.

Jesus became a carpenter, a teacher and a mentor. He was a rabbi who invited people to follow him. He sat at table with those whom no one else would love. He played with children, laughed with joy with wise and wonderful elders. And he proclaimed your unconditional love to all who would receive the good news.

We give you thanks and praise, O God.

It was in his ministry that with insight and compassion, a woman anointed him with oil to recognize the unique gift of his life. He received her blessing and instructed us to: *remember her always.*

We give you thanks and praise, O God.

So it was that on the night that he was betrayed, he shared a meal with his friends and family.

This is where he first shared the bread and the cup. He asked us to:

“Do this in remembrance of me”.

And so, we remember Jesus today; we recognise his love made real in this bread and in this cup.

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

**Holy, holy, holy,
My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words:
You are holy, O God!**

As we break this bread and share this cup we celebrate the mystery of our faith

**Christ has died.
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.**

At this time, we also remember others. Those we love. We remember those who today are suffering, who live in fear, are hungry, homeless and grieving a loss, those who are sick and those who are dying. We name them in our hearts.

May they know the presence of God in their lives through our presence to them. *(silence)*

We gather all these prayers and pray together the prayer Jesus taught us...

Our Creator...

Consecration: (the breaking of the bread and pouring of the cup)

Gracious God, Breath of peace, Source of love, we pray for your Spirit.

**Make us, while many, one. Make us, though broken,
whole. Make us, despite uncertainty, alive.
And so, we pray: Come Holy Spirit Come.**

Invitation to Receive the Elements:

The Gifts of God for the people of God, all is ready, please come forward.

Communion Music – *Carmen Peng*

Post Communion Prayer:

**On this Worldwide Communion Sunday, we thank you,
God, for breaking into our world and pouring into our
lives and our experiences.**

**We thank you, God, for this meal of thanksgiving
and the stories of love, grace, hope and joy that it tells.
Amen**