Holy Communion

Preparation of the table

**All Wise and gracious God,  
 you spread this table before us;  
 nourish us with the word of life**

**and the bread of heaven.**

**Amen**

Holy Communion Prayer

Leader The Lord be with you

**All And also with you**

Leader Lift up your hearts

**All We lift them to the Lord**

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**All We lift them to the Lord**

**Person 1** Why do we give thanks and praise at this table?

Leader We give thanks for all that God has done for us.

God the Father created the heavens,

the earth and everything in them;

and created us in his own image

**All Let us give thanks and praise**

Leader Christ our Lord became human

like us, and died to save us.

**All Let us give thanks and praise.**

Leader God sent the Holy Spirit to gather

us together as the people of God.

**All Let us give thanks and praise.**

Leader So come let us join together

to worship this God who loves us.

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory,**

**hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest**.

Leader We praise you Father that before

Jesus our Saviour died,

he gave us this holy meal.

**Person 2** Why do we eat bread together at this table?

Leader On the night before he died,

Jesus took bread.

After giving thanks he broke it,

and gave it to his disciples saying,

"Take, eat. This is my body,

given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

**Person 3** Why do we drink from the cup together at this table?

Leader In the same way,

after supper Jesus took the cup, saying,

"This cup is God's new covenant sealed with my blood,

poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in remembrance of me."

**Person 4** What do we remember at this table?

Leader We remember the Father's gracious love for us,

Christ's death and resurrection for us,

and the Spirit’s tender care for us.

Leader Let us proclaim the mystery of Faith

**All Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again.**

Leader Merciful Father,

pour out your Holy Spirit on us

and on these gifts of bread and wine.

**All In eating and drinking together**

**may we be made one with**

**Christ and with one another.**

**Amen.**