

## Livestream Communion Liturgy

**A Hymn may precede the beginning of liturgy.**

**...Welcome...**

### **Thanksgiving at the Table**

Pastor: Blessed are you O God,  
for you made the earth and all that is, and declared it good.

**Congregation: Blessed are you,**

Pastor: In Christ you entered into creation,  
into our humanity, into our vulnerability, into our mortality.

**Congregation: Blessed are you,**

Pastor: You stayed with us through conflict, through suffering,  
through death.

**Congregation: Blessed are you for raising Jesus from the dead,  
in him promising new life to all.**

**...Invitation...**

Pastor: Come to the Table. Those who are hungry, come, eat and  
drink.

**Congregation: Bread for the Journey. Drink for the desert.**

**...Words of Institution...**

**(Pastor will lead this, line by line, you are invited to repeat each line  
and do the same actions. When we have finished these words, then  
communion may be shared.)**

In the night in which our Lord was betrayed

he took bread.... (may raise bread)

and gave thanks....

broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying.....

Take and eat; this is my body given for you.....

Do this for the remembrance of me.....

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,....(may raise cup)

and gave it for all to drink, saying....

This cup is the new covenant in my blood...

shed for you and for all people...

for the forgiveness of sin...

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup....

we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.....

**(You may now share the bread and wine with one another.**

**You may use these or similar words.)**

- This is the body of Christ, broken for you.
- This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

**What to do about blessing children?** Parents/Caregivers should speak a blessing over younger children who aren't communing. Please do not commune children who have not completed instruction from PoP. You may place your hands on their heads as you speak the blessing. Both parents/caregivers can do this

together. Here are some suggestions. You may use these or similar words that come from your heart.

- Remember always, you are a beloved child of God!
- May you always know Jesus loves you!
- Jesus died and rose again for you and for all and watches over us.
- May God keep you in the covenant of your baptism.

### **...Post Communion Prayer...**

Pastor: Great God of gifts;

**Congregation: We Thank You!**

Pastor: You feed us in many ways

**Congregation: and we are grateful to receive!**

Pastor: We look to you,

**Congregation: We look to each other,  
and we praise your name.**

Pastor: As you've fed us,

**Congregation: Now make us food for the world!**

Pastor: As this meal empowers us

**Congregation: To Grow in Faith and Reach out to others in love!**

**Thank you, Great God of gifts! AMEN**

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### ...What to do with the leftovers?...

Any bread or wine/grape juice that is left over may be consumed. Even though it has been consecrated for this meal, it is not any more holy than ordinary bread, wine or grape juice. It is to remind us that all food is holy and is a gift from God. Wine may be consumed or poured out on the ground as a sign of God's gift poured out for all on the earth. Bread may also be placed outside to benefit God's creatures or used in one's daily meals as a reminder of God's gift of our daily bread. If you have a loaf of bread leftover, why not use this as a gift to share with your family or neighbors. Include a little note that says something like, ***"Jesus is the Bread of Life, Here is a gift of bread that was made for your daily life! Enjoy!"***

### ...A final favor!.....Let us know how it went!...

This is first communion for many of our youth who have completed "First Communion Instruction," but it is also first communion for all of us too, Livestream that is. However, if we go back to the earliest days in Christian history, this was how communion was done, in peoples' homes. Of course, they didn't have computers or cell phones to unite them all together, but we do! So we would like to see and hear your stories. Send us a pic or two or even a video ([popappleton.org](http://popappleton.org)) of how you set your table, what bread or wine you used, who was there (names optional), greetings to other members of the Church Deployed! Then come back to the Table on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 9:40am during this pandemic and invite your friends, family and neighbors to join us!

.... **Go in Peace! Serve the Lord! Thanks be to God!** ....

