

Christmas Eve 2019 Communion

Glory to God in the Highest!

And on earth, peace to all!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is good to give thanks and praise.

We remember your wonderful works,
the many holy moments of birthing
that bring shape and life to the universe:
the stretching of the galaxy,
the unleashing of creativity,
the forming of all creation,
Life breathed into this world.

We remember your Spirit at work in our midst
filling the words of prophets promising that light will shine in darkness,
your Spirit that fills angel songs,
and led shepherds to new insight,
that stirs in all prophets, protesters, and holy dreamers.

We remember the birth of Jesus,
who reveals to us that your presence
is found in the ordinary substance of life
and draws all into your hope, peace, joy, and love.

We join with all of your people of every time and place saying

Holy, holy, holy God,

power of life and love!

Heaven and earth are full of your glory!

Hosanna through the ages!

**Blessed is the One who comes to bring
your justice to earth!**

We remember tonight the mystery and wonder of Christmas.
With the prophetic yes of Mary and Joseph,
the angel wisdom "do not be afraid"
the enthusiastic proclamation of shepherds,
as we welcome the birth of Christ in our lives.

We remember that as this child grew,
she continued to reveal your presence,
sharing the fullness of life and love.

We remember now all with whom you would have us share this Holy Meal:
(Prayers of the People)

Gathered with his disciples,
Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it and shared it saying
“take and eat this is my body – my whole self, shared with you”

After the meal Jesus poured the wine, shared it and said
“Drink, this is my blood, my pulse, my life energy, shared with you.
Each time you do this remember me.”

Together we say the wonderful mystery of our living faith:
Christ had died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Oh, Holy One,
Source of all love and life,
breath your holy spirit upon these gifts,
transform them
so that in them we may know you are with us,
that we may encounter the birth of Jesus in our lives,
and fed by you, lead us to be the body of Christ in this world.
Bless this bread and this juice, bless our Communion, and bless our lives.
Amen.

Come, friends, for our holy Christmas feast is ready, may we experience
Holy Communion together..