

# HOLY COMMUNION

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Sing to God, sing in praise of his name,  
extol him who rides on the clouds;  
**rejoice before him – his name is  
the LORD.**

A father to the fatherless, a defender of  
widows,  
is God in his holy dwelling.  
**God sets the lonely in families,  
he leads out the prisoners with  
singing;  
but the rebellious live in a sun-  
scorched land.**

Praise be to the Lord, to God our  
Saviour,  
who daily bears our burdens.  
**Our God is a God who saves;  
from the Sovereign LORD comes escape  
from death.**

Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth,  
sing praise to the Lord,  
**to him who rides across the highest  
heavens, the ancient heavens,  
who thunders with mighty voice.**

Proclaim the power of God,  
**whose majesty is over Israel,  
whose power is in the heavens.**

You, God, are awesome in your  
sanctuary;  
the God of Israel gives power and  
strength to his people.  
**Praise be to God!**

PSALM 68

**1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,**  
The King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him,  
For He is thy health and salvation.  
All ye who hear, now to His temple  
draw near;  
Praise Him in glad adoration.

**2. Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all  
things**  
So wondrously reigneth,  
Shieldeth thee gently from harm,  
Or when fainting sustaineth:  
Hast thou not seen  
how thy heart's wishes have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

**3.** Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper  
Thy work and defend thee,  
Surely His goodness and mercy shall  
daily attend thee:  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can  
do,  
If to the end He befriend thee.

**4.** Praise to the Lord  
O let all that is in us adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath,  
Come now with praises before Him.  
Let the 'Amen' sound from His people  
again,  
Gladly for ay we adore Him.

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**1. Light of the world,**  
You stepped down into darkness,  
Opened my eyes, let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore You,  
Hope of a life spent with You.

*So here I am to worship,  
Here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're my  
God;  
And You're altogether lovely,  
Altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.*

**2.** King of all days,  
Oh so highly exalted,  
Glorious in heaven above;  
Humbly You came  
To the earth You created,  
All for love's sake became poor.

*And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross  
And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross*

*Tim Hughes  
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## CONFESSION

God our Father, we are sorry  
for the times when we have used your  
gifts carelessly,  
and acted ungratefully.  
Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest,  
but forget that you have given them to  
us.  
Father, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We belong to a people who are full  
and satisfied,  
but ignore the cry of the hungry.  
Father, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We are thoughtless,  
and do not care enough for the world  
you have made.  
Father, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We store up goods for ourselves  
alone,  
as if there were no God and no  
heaven.

Father, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

**Amen.**

**GOSPEL READING: LUKE 11:1-13 (PAGE 1042 IN THE PEW BIBLE)**

**SERMON: REVD WILL HUNTER SMART**

**1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my  
Father,**

There is no shadow of turning with  
Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions,  
they fail not;  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies  
I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath  
provided,  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord,  
unto me!*

**2.** Summer and winter, and springtime  
and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses  
above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and  
love.

**3.** Pardon for sin and a peace that  
endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and  
to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for  
tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand  
beside!

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Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he was buried;  
he was raised to life on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers,  
and to all the apostles:  
this we have received,  
and this we believe.  
Amen.**

*From 1 Corinthians 15:3-7*

## **PRAYERS**

### **PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**1. He came so we could know the  
Father's love;**  
The Saviour, the healer.  
He came to seek and save all that was  
lost;  
Restorer, Redeemer.  
Light in the darkness, help to the  
helpless,  
A song for those who mourn.  
Strength for the weary, friend to the  
lonely;  
He's the joy of the whole earth.

*The King has come:  
The glorious, the awesome Son of  
God,  
The beautiful the sovereign Lord  
of love. Jesus.  
The King has come  
And everything within this heart  
believes  
that He is everything we'll ever  
need. Jesus.  
The King has come.*

2. He came to speak the message of  
new birth;  
Creator, sustainer.  
He came to bring his rule upon the  
earth,  
With justice and mercy.  
His ways are higher, his love is greater  
than the treasures of this world.  
His grace is wider, his name is stronger;  
He's the joy of the whole earth.

*This is the day, this is the time,  
Let the kingdom of our God reign.*

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## **HOLY COMMUNION**

The Lord is here.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for yourself.  
When we turned away you did not reject us,  
but came to meet us in your Son.  
**You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in us.  
**He opened his arms of love upon the cross  
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,  
at supper with his friends  
he took bread, and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper,  
taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death  
and celebrate his rising in glory,  
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine  
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.  
**As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world  
we offer you this sacrifice of praise  
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours now and for ever.  
Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## COMMUNION SONGS:

### 1. When I survey the wondrous cross

On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ my God:  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.

3. See from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down:  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4. Were the whole realm of Nature  
mine,  
That were an offering far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

*Isaac Watts*

### 1. When I fear my faith will fail,

Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail,  
He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold  
Through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold;  
He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast  
He will hold me fast  
For my Savior loves me so  
He will hold me fast*

2. Those He saves are His delight,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in His holy sight,  
He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost;  
His Promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost,  
He will hold me fast.

3. For my life He bled and died,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied;  
He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life,  
He will hold me fast  
Till our faith is turned to sight,  
When He comes at last!

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## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

### ***Bless the Lord, O my soul;***

*O my soul,  
Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before,  
O my soul.  
I'll worship Your holy name.*

**1.** The sun comes up, it's a new day  
dawning;  
It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies  
before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening  
comes.

**2.** You're rich in love and You're slow to  
anger,  
Your name is great and Your heart is  
kind.  
For all Your goodness, I will keep on  
singing;  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to  
find.

**3.** And on that day when my strength is  
failing,  
The end draws near and my time has  
come,  
Still my soul will sing Your praise  
unending;  
Ten thousand years and then  
forevermore.

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## BLESSING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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