

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, February 7, 2021

### Invitation

#### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

May God be with you.

***May God be also with you.***

People of God, open your hearts.

***We open our hearts to God and to each other.***

Let us give thanks to the Living God.

***With joy and praise, we offer our thanks to the One who offers abundant life.***

In the morning, O God, you took creation and flung it to the far corners of chaos, naming the stars twinkling in the night and shaping deserted places for prayers. You longed to walk with those created in your image, but we listened to the boasting of death as it proclaimed sin's opportunities. You sent the prophets who cried out, 'haven't you been listening; don't you realize what God is trying to do for you?'

***So, having created all things, you became the one thing we needed - our Savior.***

With those so weary that they cannot take another step, with those revived by your grace and hope, we lift our praises to you now and forever:

***Holy, holy, holy are you, God of all knowledge.***

***All creation sings glad praises to you.***

***Hosanna in the highest!***

***Blessed is the One who came for our sake.***

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Holy are you, O God, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son. He became weak so the power of the world would be shattered; he became poor so we might be filled with the riches of your grace;

***he went to that deserted place we call the grave so death might be knocked off its pedestal. You breathed new life into his spirit.***

As we search for him in our time, as we would proclaim the gospel, may we find that mystery we call faith:

***Christ died, not boasting in himself;***

***Christ was raised, the gospel lived out in him;***

***Christ will come to take us by the hand, giving us strength.***

Here is that Bread, which though broken, can strengthen the powerless; here is that Cup, which though emptied, can fill the weary with hope. Pour out your Spirit not only on these gifts, but upon your children gathered around the table.

***We come, bone-tired, so make us bone of your bone, and flesh of your flesh.***

Empower us to walk beside the lonely and the homeless. Be with our family members and friends who are ill; let their spirits know your comfort and their bodies your healing.

Feed us with your hope and joy, so we may proclaim your kingdom in all that we say and do.

***When the day comes to gather with all your children, may we join hands and dance around the table, singing your praise forever and ever. Amen***

**Words of Institution**

**Sharing the Bread and Cup**

**Prayer of Thanks**

***Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life and renewed us for your service. Help us who have shared Christ's body and received his cup, to be his faithful disciples so that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.***