

Leader:

It is truly right always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise, Eternal God. Through the words of the prophets, you promised your people the Redeemer. You gave us hope for the day when justice would roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

We rejoice that Jesus has come to us, is with us now, and will come again in power and glory. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing the glory of your name.

People:

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.

Leader:

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus who comes to us in your name. Born of Mary, he shares our life. Eating with sinners, he welcomes us. Guiding the children, he leads us. Visiting the sick, he heals us. Dying on the cross, he saves us. Risen from the dead he gives us new life. Living with you, he prays for us.

Remembering your mighty acts in Jesus, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and remember his dying. Joyfully, we remember his presence with us in all of times.

In thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you, to your service in all the ways you call us.

Great is the mystery of faith:

People:

Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Leader:

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that this meal may be for us a communion with our Lord Jesus Christ. Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast. Unite us in faith, encourage us in hope, and inspire us in love, so that we may serve as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

People: Amen

Blessing of the Bread:

On the night of his arrest, Jesus took the bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying:

Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, he took the cup, saying,

“This is the cup of the new covenant, sealed in my blood, shed for you and for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.”

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the saving death of the risen Jesus, until he comes again.

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion:

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of the Body of Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in this Sacrament, remembering his life, death, and resurrection. Send us now into the world in peace and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart: In these things and much more we pray.

Amen.

Palisades Presbyterian Church *Liturgy for Communion*

You Are Invited to the Table...

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! We have come from East and West, and from North and South, and now sit at the table in the Presence of God.

This is a table at which all are welcome!

According to Luke, when the risen Jesus was at the table with his disciples, he took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them.

Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him. This is that table. Jesus invites all to share this meal in memory of him and what we are called to do in his name.

Great Thanksgiving:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, Our God

People: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.