

# Palisades Presbyterian Church

Joy of Our Mornings  
(to the tune of Morning Has Broken #469)

God of Creation, Lord of all beauty,  
All creatures join in singing your love;  
Holy Compassion, Joy of our mornings,  
Fill us with grace which comes from above.

Christ of the outcast, Comfort of mourners,  
Neighbor to strangers, Love without end;  
Bearer of burdens, Grace ever with us,  
Blessing our children, Brother and Friend.

Spirit of kindness, Breath of forgiveness,  
Faithful Companion, just as Christ said;  
God's little children gathered together,  
Drink of salvation, feast on your Bread.

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## THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*All are welcome to this table!*

### THE INVITATION:

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God. All are welcome to the table spread before us. Partake of the bread and the wine, the ageless symbols of Christ's life given for others.

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

Pastor: May God be with you.

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

Pastor: People of God, open up your hearts.

**People: We open them to God and to one another.**

Pastor: People of God, be grateful to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to be grateful to the One who offers us  
lives filled with Grace.**

Pastor: It is good and right to praise you, Oh All-powerful and All-merciful God, for you are our God, forever and ever, our guide through the journey of life. God of the cosmos, of the earth and of the seas, you formed us that we might be heirs of your grace. But we preferred our way to your wisdom, choosing sin and death to reign over us. Pondering your love for us, we doubted it was as great as our self-love. Yet, You did not turn your back on us, but remained steadfast and true. Therefore, we join with every voice in your domain, in every time and place, giving our praise to reach the ends of the earth.

**The SANCTUS:**

**All: Holy, holy, holy, 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, hosanna in the highest!**

Pastor: Jesus, the Christ, you left eternity to live briefly among us. Jesus, Revered Child, you left your place with God to be rejected by us. Jesus, Bearer of peace, you touch us to make us whole. Jesus, Word made flesh; you astound us with your teachings, even as we amaze you with our unbelief.

**People: Remembering the One who turned our rebellion into discipleship, and who transformed our rejection by his resurrection, we celebrate our life together eating the bread and sharing the cup, signs of our calling to be a holy people. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Pastor: Great is the mystery of faith.

**People: Christ has died,  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again**

**THE MEAL:**

On the night he was arrested, Jesus took bread and after giving thanks to God, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this to remember me."

In the same way, he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, you remember me."

Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the death of the Risen Christ until he comes.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**The Communion Prayer: (Unison)**

**Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ and with believers around the world and down through the ages. Help us to bring your justice and peace, comfort and joy into the entire world. Through our Savior Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**