



The Church of the Holy Comforter

Holy Eucharist

Opening Acclamation

My grace is sufficient for you,
for power is made perfect in weakness.

Song of Praise – *Peace before us*

Peace before us, peace behind us,
Peace under our feet.
Peace within us, peace over us,
Let all around us be peace.

Light before us, light behind us,
Light under our feet.
Light within us, light over us,
Let all around us be light.

Love before us, love behind us,
Love under our feet.
Love within us, love over us,
Let all around us be love.

Christ before us, Christ behind us,
Christ under our feet.
Christ within us, Christ over us,
Let all around us be Christ.

Words: David Haas (based on a Navaho prayer)

Opening Prayer

Grant us, O God, not to be anxious about earthly things but to love things heavenly and, even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Readings

The Gospel Reading

The Reflection

The Prayers of the People

In our daily tasks,
God surrounds us.
In our successes and failures,
God surrounds us.
In our joys and sorrows,
God surrounds us.
With the healing of our world,
God surrounds us.

We pray for all who celebrate, or seek, or need God's love:

Here, the people may add particular intercessions or thanksgivings.

As we continue our day,
God surrounds us in hope.

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

Offertory Sentence

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider

Creating and redeeming God, in Adam, Abraham, and Moses, in Deborah, Esther, and Mary, you have chosen not simply to direct the course of events but to be in relationship with us and to entrust your children with the embodiment and exercise of your will. In dying and rising with Christ you give us not just a savior but an example, and in every generation you call people to imitate the pattern of his life and death and so witness to your glory. You call us to be not heroes who go it alone but saints whose every breath depends on others and on you. We rejoice that those saints take their place in the company of heaven, with whom we join in singing the unending hymn of your joy and praise:

**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.

Transforming God, in this gathering you take the fruit of the vine and human hands and make them a blessing for your people now and forever. As our earthly bodies decay and die, and resemble your Son's body taken down from the cross, send your Spirit and remake us in the image of your Son's resurrected body, that our scars may become signs of your glory and our hearts may be one with yours. Sanctify these gifts of bread and wine: make them be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks broke the bread giving it to them saying: "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

The Presider continues

Resurrecting God, bless those who mourn, that they may be comforted. Bless the poor in spirit, that they may inherit the kingdom of heaven. Bless the pure in heart, that they may see you. Visit those who face death amid persecution and violence, that they may know the gladness and rejoicing of your kingdom. Be close to any who end their days in agony and isolation, that they may enter the joy of their reward. Where your children feel all is lost, meet them in their fear, touch them in their loneliness, and raise them by your mercy, so that on the last day, when you bring a new heaven and a new earth, they may discover you as an infinite circle whose center is everywhere and whose circumference is nowhere, and be changed from glory into glory, with and by you, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, let us pray to God, who is **our Divine Parent, our Mother,**

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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Communion of the People

Post-communion Prayer

We thank you, O God, for strengthening us through the sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Grant us, O God, not to be anxious about earthly things but to love things heavenly and, even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

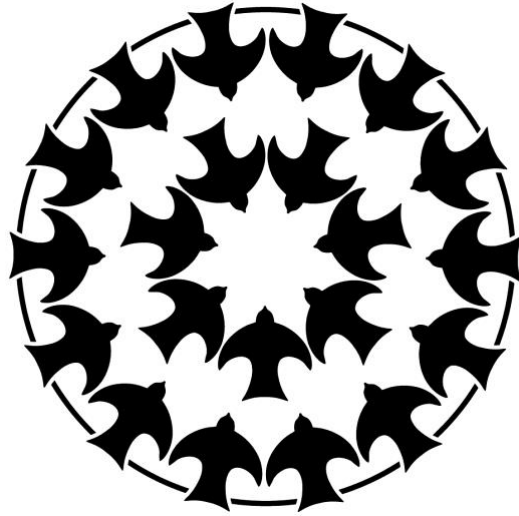
The Blessing

The Dismissal

My grace is sufficient for you,
for power is made perfect in weakness.



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in our church, in our community, and in the world, that all may be made whole and fully alive.*