Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts. That all who share in this loaf and cup may be the body of Christ: light, life, and love in the world. Let us pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us praying...Our Father

The Lord's Prayer

Amen.

#### DOXOLOGY:

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and praise are yours, God most holy. Now and forever more.

Amen.

#### SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

These are the holy gifts of God for the people of God.

All things are now ready ....

Let us eat and drink together.

## BREAKING THE BREAD AND POURING THE CUP

The body of Christ, Broken in Love for you.

Take Eat

The life blood of Christ, Shed in Love for you.

Take Drink

# **POST COMMUNION PRAYER** (unison)

We, thank you, God, for the gifts you have given us: for the bread of life, for the wine of our joy, for our journey together as people ready to do the work of love and justice.

We pray that, having been refreshed at this table, we may be bread and wine for each other and for the world.

Amen.

## PALM SUNDAY COMMUNION

## THE PEACE

Since Christ opened his heart to us, let us open our hearts to one another.

The peace of Christ be with you.

Peace be with you.

**COMMUNION HYMN** VU #457, *"As We Gather at Your Table"* 

#### THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, Creator of light, Giver of all life and Source of love.

At your word the earth was made.

You breathe life into us and set us among all your creatures, in a covenant of love and service.

Even when we turn away from you, you do not forsake us. You send your prophets to proclaim your justice, to remind us of your promise of peace, and to call us back to you.

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, we praise you for your love revealed to us in Jesus Christ, who walks with us, our Wisdom and our Way, sharing our joy and sorrow, healing the sick, feeding the hungry, and setting the captives free.

So it is that we join the song together with all of all creation to proclaim your goodness:

Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God Almighty!
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!

Mighty and tender God,

In Jesus of Nazareth we recognize the fullness of your grace: light, life and love revealed in words that confront and comfort us, in teachings that challenge and change us, and compassion that heals and frees us. We gather at this table to remember, and to be filled with such longing for your realm, that we may rise together to turn our worship into witness and follow in your way.

### **REMEMBERING JESUS:**

We remember that on the night before he died, Jesus gathered with his friends, He took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Each time you do this, remember me.

Then, he took a cup, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends, saying: "Drink. This cup is poured out for you in the promise of God, made in my blood.
Whenever you drink it, remember me."

Gracious God, hear our prayer,
We remember all with whom you would have
us share your feast today.
We pray for those who are in sorrow or in
pain...
all who are ill or alone...

all who are ill or alone...
all who live with fear; oppression; or hunger...
all whom the world counts as last or least....
We pray for our families and friends.... And for
the nations as they strive for peace and justice.

Loving God, we rejoice in the gift of your grace, remembering Christ's life and death, proclaiming his resurrection, waiting in hope for his coming again.

Grant that in praise and thanksgiving, we may offer our lives to you that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

