

Communion Liturgy based on the Beatitudes

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Come, people of God, stand around this holy table
for you are blessed, more than you know,
you are loved and gathered up in Holy Communion
with each other and with Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

Here and in all places, now and through all of time

Blessed are we, though we come with empty hands
knowing only our poverty.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are we, though we grieve.

Our hearts are heavy, all too aware of what life has taken from us.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are we who choose a way of gentleness
in a world of fierce competition.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are we when we face our true need and honour our deep hunger;
nothing but you can satisfy.

**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.**

Blessed are we by the infinite mercy of God, who accepts us despite
ourselves, and who calls us to be people of compassion.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Lord, give us pure hearts. Show us who you are.

Show us your face. Show us your truth. Show us your love.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

All blessings flow from you, almighty God, through your son Jesus Christ,
who lived and died the path of grace,
who knew hunger and persecution,
who alone was pure in heart and fully open to your Spirit,
who was fully God but who chose to humble himself,

even to death on the cross,
and so was highly exalted, opening the gate of glory
and making peace between us and God.

Blessed are we in your Spirit, as we eat this bread and drink this cup,
made one with Christ, joined as his body as we eat of his body,
flowing with his life as we drink of his blood.

Blessed are we as we pray as he taught us to pray:
Our Father in heaven ...
(say or sing the Lord's Prayer)

Come, people of God, share in this sign of Christ's death and rising again,
that we may be filled with all the fullness of God.