

Communion Liturgy: 'All is grace!'

based on Ephesians 1

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Grace and peace to you.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ with every blessing.

Before the foundation of the world God chose us in Christ
to be made whole and holy by love.

Before time God planned to adopt us, through Jesus,
for his own good pleasure,
to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely poured out on us.
In Christ we are made new through his blood, our sins forgiven.

All is grace!

In Christ we are drawn into the mind of God,
as he makes known to us the great mysteries of his plan
for all things, tangible and spiritual,
to be gathered up and summed up in him,
so that we who have set our hope on Christ,
might live for the praise of his glory.

Thank you God for giving us your Spirit
the sign and seal of our salvation,
to open the eyes of our hearts to know this glorious hope
and the immeasurable greatness of your power at work in us.
This same power raised Jesus Christ from the dead
and placed him at the centre of all things,
over all galaxies and governments, over every name and every claim.
Jesus Christ is Lord, now and for all time to come!
We your people, your body, your church,
we are saved by grace -
not our own doing but pure gift, all is gift!
We are what he has made us, formed in Christ Jesus
to share in the work of God in the power of God.

Thank you God for each other.

We take this moment to pray with open eyes for each other.

Look around you at these amazing people gathered here with you
each one formed in Christ to share in the work of God in the power of God. Alleluia!

Thank you God for your Spirit, within us and between us.

We take this moment in silence to rest in grace and cherish the presence of God.

Thank you God for Jesus.

We take this moment to remember him
as we are drawn back to the night before he died,
when he gathered friends close around
to celebrate the salvation of his people.
That night, he took bread, and broke it,
and said "Share in this bread, eat it,
for this is my own body, broken for you"
After the meal he took the cup, poured the wine,
and said "Share in this cup, drink it, for this is my own blood,
poured out for forgiveness, poured out for you."

All is gift, all is grace.

All things are being gathered into God's good purposes,
all time, all tasks, all pain, all loss, all calling,
for the praise of his glorious grace.

We share a small taste this morning as we share this bread and this cup,
signs of Christ in us, Christ with us, Christ for us.

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Prayer after communion:

**Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in the heavenly realms
with every spiritual blessing in Christ.
He chose us before the creation of the world
to be holy and blameless in his sight.
May we who have set our hope on Christ
live for the praise of his glory. Amen.**