

Communion; Glory and Praise

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Glory to God in the highest,

peace to all people on earth.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty Father.

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord Jesus Christ,

Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sin of the world,

have mercy on us;

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

In you all things have their being

and all things resound with your grace.

With the people of God through every age, in every nation we praise you:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

With this land, our home, we praise you

We join with the song of bellbirds and seagulls

We lift our spirits with the clear air across the plain to mountains beyond

We choose to be together as a people in this place in this time

Come, Holy Spirit. Ride the wings of our praise.

Renew our hearts. Fire our imaginations with eternity.

Transform these simple things, this bread, this grape juice

that they may be for us the very body, the life blood of Jesus Christ.

We come to this table remembering Jesus,

for Jesus alone knew the living God, Yahweh, Lord of heaven,

and he knew this God as Father, Abba, close, present.

And this knowing led Jesus to the cross, where he gave up his own life for us.

God raised him to life, joined forever as Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Spirit.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his friends,

saying "This is my body. Take and eat."

So we become the body of Christ, broken and shared for a world in need.

Jesus took the cup, gave thanks and gave it to them,

saying "This is my blood. Drink it."

So we share in the life of God, the new covenant of forgiveness and blessing.

***As we receive, so may we give,
as we praise, so may we live,
in your mercy, for your glory. Amen.***