

Family Communion Liturgy

especially suitable with small children

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This Great Thanksgiving has lots of 'repeat after me' parts, and simple phrases that help children to join in and remember the great words and convictions of the faith.

This was written for Trinity Sunday but can be adapted to other seasons.

Christ is risen!

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Alleluia!

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God's Spirit is with us

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Come, friends and family, come to this holy table
come to this special meal.

I welcome you in the name of God who is three persons in one,
one great and wonderful God,
God the Father, God the Son Jesus, God the Holy Spirit
all together, all one and the same,
alive and at work, here and everywhere.

With all our hearts we thank you, God

With all our hearts we thank you, God

With all our lives we praise you, God

With all our lives we praise you, God

Everywhere we look we see what you have made.

We love your world in all its beauty.

We love the people you have given us
to share our homes, to be our family and friends.

We love to work, and play and rest.

We love to grow in knowing you.

Thank you for every way you bless us.

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We are people who choose to follow Jesus
and so this morning we remember him
Tell me about Jesus

born in a manger, son of Mary, son of God

friend of sinners and little children,
at his touch the sick were healed, the lame danced.

He told the truth about God

He showed the truth about God in who he was.

He died on a cross

to show us how much God is hurt by the terrible things that people do.

He rose to life

by the power of the Holy Spirit, for death could not crush God!

He sent his Spirit

on us, his people, and sent us out to tell the world of God's love.

This table tells the story about the night that Jesus ate with his friends how he held the bread and broke the bread and handed it to them saying "when you eat this bread you share in my body, you are part of me." At the end of the meal he lifted up a cup of wine and shared it with them saying "when you drink of this cup you share in my blood. It shows God's covenant promise to you. It shows you are forgiven and precious to me no matter what."

Here we are, the people of God, sharing around this holy table in the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

May his life Spirit flow in us and make us his people to the glory of God the Father, one Lord through all eternity. Amen.

We take this time now to pray and wait on the Lord. You will be served bread and grape juice in your seat. All are welcome to share.