

By the baptism of his suffering death and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,

that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

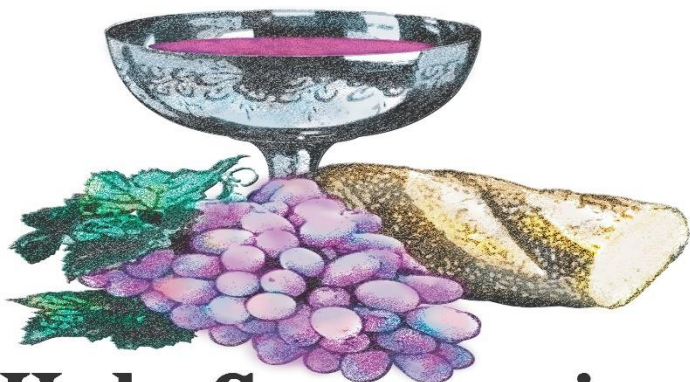
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,

one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,

until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father now and forever.

**Amen**



# Holy Communion

**December 4, 2022**

**Psalm 72: 1-17**

<sup>1</sup> Give the king your justice, O God,  
**and your righteousness to the royal son.**

<sup>2</sup> May he judge your people with righteousness  
**and your poor with justice.**

<sup>3</sup> Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.

<sup>4</sup> **May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
give deliverance to the needy,  
and crush the oppressor.**

<sup>5</sup> May he live while the sun endures,  
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

<sup>6</sup> **May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,  
like showers that water the earth.**

<sup>7</sup> In his days may righteousness flourish  
and peace abound, till the moon be no more.

<sup>8</sup> **May he have dominion from sea to sea  
and from the river to the ends of the earth.**

<sup>9</sup> May his foes bow down before him,  
and his enemies lick the dust.

<sup>10</sup> May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute;  
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.

<sup>11</sup> **May all kings fall down before him,  
all nations serve him.**

<sup>12</sup> For he delivers the needy when they call,  
the poor and those who have no helper.

<sup>13</sup> **He has pity on the weak and the needy  
and saves the lives of the needy.**

<sup>14</sup> **From oppression and violence he redeems their life,  
and precious is their blood in his sight.**

<sup>15</sup> Long may he live!

May gold of Sheba be given to him.

May prayer be made for him continually  
and blessings invoked for him all day long.

<sup>16</sup> **May there be abundance of grain in the land;  
may it wave on the tops of the mountains;  
may its fruit be like Lebanon;**

and may people blossom forth in the cities  
like the grass of the field.

<sup>17</sup> **May his name endure forever,  
his fame continue as long as the sun.**

**May people bless themselves by him;  
all nations call him blessed.**

## Isaiah 11: 1-10

There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse,  
And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. <sup>2</sup>The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him,  
The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of  
knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. <sup>3</sup>His delight is in the fear of the LORD, And He  
shall not judge by the sight of His eyes,  
Nor decide by the hearing of His ears; <sup>4</sup>But with righteousness He shall judge the  
poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with  
the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.  
<sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist.  
<sup>6</sup>“The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard shall lie down with the young  
goat, The calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little child shall lead  
them. <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze; Their young ones shall lie down together;  
And the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play by the cobra’s  
hole, And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper’s den. <sup>9</sup>They shall not hurt  
nor destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of  
the LORD As the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup>“And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse,  
who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His  
resting place shall be glorious.”

## St Matthew 3: 1-12

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup>and  
saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” <sup>3</sup>For this is he who was  
spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying:

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the LORD;  
Make His paths straight.’ ”

<sup>4</sup>Now John himself was clothed in camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist;  
and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the  
region around the Jordan went out to him <sup>6</sup>and were baptized by him in the Jordan,  
confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup>But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming  
to his baptism, he said to them, “Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the  
wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, <sup>9</sup>and do not think to say  
to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I say to you that God is able to  
raise up children to Abraham from these stones. <sup>10</sup>And even now the ax is laid to the  
root of the trees. Therefore, every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and  
thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup>I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is  
coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will  
baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He  
will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but  
He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

## The Great Thanksgiving for Advent

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin  
and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before  
God and one another.

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We  
have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have  
broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our  
neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free  
us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!** Glory to God. Amen.

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and  
breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, our love failed, your love  
remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our  
sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when  
justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your  
name and join their unending hymn:

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

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, whom you sent in the fullness of  
time to be a light to the nations. You scatter the proud in the imagination of their  
hearts and have mercy on those who fear you from generation to generation. You  
put down the mighty from their thrones and exalt those of low degree.  
You fill the hungry with good things, and the rich you send empty away.  
Your own Son came among us as a servant, to be Emmanuel, your presence with us.  
He humbled himself in obedience to your will and freely accepted death on the cross.