One: The lifeblood of Christ**,**

**All: The cup of blessing.**

One: The gifts of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION IS BEING SERVED BY INTINCTION

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

One: We add our prayers this day to those of many around our world who are hurting from wars and violence; loss of home through fire and floods; families of victims of horrific accidents; for our poor and vulnerable who are forced to live on the streets; those that are suffering devastating illness and pending death. Caring God, we ask that you reach into our broken and suffering world with your compassionate hand to strengthen and uphold those who are in need.

**All: Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life that we have shared together. We are fed by your love; we are strengthened by your life. We are sent forth into this world to live into the visions God has laid on our hearts. We are now commissioned to: feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, love as we have been loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**◆ SERVICE OF THE TABLE ◆**

**Holy Communion**

One: God is with us wherever we are!

**All: We are not alone!**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right that we should give our thanks and praise to our most Holy God.**

Prayer: Holy Mystery, you come to us in Love,

 You are beyond complete knowledge,

 above perfect description.

 Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; Source of Life,

 Living Word, and Bond of Love, you are

 creative and self-giving, generously

 moving. In all the near and distant corners

 of the universe, nothing exists that does

 not find its source in you.

 Even when we turn away from you, you

 are with us; your presence never fails us,

 your gifts of hope and new life transform

 us.

**All: We praise you for Jesus Christ, eternal as your love, our bond to one another. We rejoice with all your people of every time and place, and with angels and archangels, to proclaim the glory of your name:**

Sanctus and Benedictus VU 942

**All Sing:**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

One: It is Jesus, God incarnate, the Risen Christ, who joins us together as a community of broken but hopeful believers: loving what he loved, living what he taught, and striving to be his faithful servants in our time and place.

 In this meal we remember Jesus, his promises, and the price he paid for who he was, what he said, and what he did.

 On the night before Jesus died, he took a loaf of bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said: “Take and eat; whenever you do this, remember me.” After supper, Jesus took the cup, and poured, saying, “This is the new covenant, remember me.”

**All: We do remember. We remember his life of love, his friendship, his teaching, his dying, and his rising to life again.**

One: In sharing this meal, we live out the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died;** VU 943

**Christ is risen;**

**Christ will come again.**

One: Holy Mystery, God the Spirit, we call on you

 to transform these familiar things, as you

 continually transform the world around us.

 Bless this bread and this cup, the wheat and

 the grape, the farmer and the harvest, the

 seed and the sower.

 So that in the sharing of these simple

 elements in community, we may taste and

 see your goodness, so that we might catch a

 glimpse of what it is to be in communion

 with you and with one another.

**All: Through Christ, in Christ, and with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever.**

Great Amen MV 225

**Amen, amen, amen**

**Amen, amen, amen**

Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Cup

One: The body of Christ,

**All: The bread of life.**