

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PEOPLE: Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Clergy)

Christ is Risen! The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty. Mary calls out, "I have seen the Lord!" We have seen Christ, too, in every helping hand, in every heartfelt gift, in every choice to restore life in this world. We are called to this new life, a life of forgiveness and reconciliation. You are forgiven; accept your forgiveness and know that God loves you and desires great joy for your life. Walk forward on this journey of faith, knowing your brothers and sisters are with you. Amen.

PEOPLE: Because He lives, we are empowered to love, live and forgive! **AMEN!**

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

The Institution and Memorial

Clergy: We give thanks to God the Father that our Savior, Jesus Christ, gave us this memorial of His sacrifice, until His coming again. For the Lord Jesus took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way the cup, after supper saying, "This cup is a new covenant of my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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The Invitation and Dedication

Clergy: Congregation of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared this table for all who love Him and trust in Him alone for their salvation. All who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desire to live in obedience to God, are now invited to come with gladness to the table of the Lord.

PEOPLE: We praise you, Lord, for these gifts of bread and wine. We offer ourselves as your people in your service.

THE SHARING AT THE TABLE

THE MODEL PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever, AMEN!

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