

Invitation, Confession and Pardon

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Leader: 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.

Gracious God – we have refused to give our neighbors the honor they deserve. We have rejected others, as Jesus was rejected before us.

All: Status drives us. Gossip lures us.

Leader: Reputations gain more traction than the entirety of the person in front of us.

All: We choose chaos over kindness, and disconnection over spiritual bonds.

Leader: May our hearts repent, returning to your voice.

All: May our souls reconnect, returning to our neighbor.

Leader: May our minds renew, returning to the ones you created us to be.

All: May your grace abound.

Leader: Friends, hear the good news – shame no longer lives within us! God's grace is sufficient for all! May the power of Christ dwell in our souls, elevate our spirits, and nudge us to grow in all of our relationships! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

Liturgical Responses during Communion

And also with you.

We lift them up to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.