

Welcome Table Eucharistic Prayer

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Presider: Jesus of Nazareth invites you to the feast. Whoever you are, you are welcome.
Whoever you are, this feast is for you.

God dwells in you.

And also in you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts to God.

Let us give our thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, creator of all,

We gather at this table to give you thanks.

We rejoice that your Spirit is with us,

Moving through us, dancing among us,

Uniting us to one another and to you.

Before time began, you created all things:

Vast galaxies and microscopic creatures,

Animals and birds, fish and insects,

The ocean tides and the rhythms of migration,

And humankind, made in your image, in all our beautiful variety.

Among the shining stars you placed the sweet green earth,

And granted to all your creatures the grace of life and breath.

We sing the song of all creation to praise your name:

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When the time was right, O God, you sent Jesus
To show us the way that we had lost.
He healed the broken and fed the hungry.
People of power feared him;
People in need followed him.
He invited those on the edges to come to the center.
Wherever he went, he broke bread with those who needed him most.

On the night before he died,
Jesus gathered with his faltering friends
For a meal that tasted of freedom.
He took the bread, blessed and broke it and said,
“Take this bread as my own body, given to set you free.
Do this to remember me,”
After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave it to them and said,
“Take this cup as my own blood, given to set you free.
Whenever you drink it, remember me.”

Creating God, send your Spirit to bless this bread and this cup,
That they may be for us the bread of new life and the cup of true healing.
Let your Spirit rest on us, that your light may shine through us
For the sake of the broken world.
We pray to you, Creator God,
In the name of Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit.
We offer our thanks and praise to you,
God of infinite power and infinite grace,
Now and forever. **Amen.**

Now, as Jesus taught us, we pray:

The Lord's Prayer

Post-Communion Prayer:

Let us pray.

Loving God, we thank you for feeding us with bread from heaven. Give us strength in this holy meal to do the work of love today, and every day. Be with us now as we go forth, shining with your light; let your joy be visible in us, and your grace manifest in us. We pray because of Jesus, who shows us the way. Amen.