



The Lord's Supper
LENTEN COMMUNION SERVICE

The Communion Service

The Prelude

A Hymn of Trust

"MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE" (Olivet)

My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour divine:
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away,
Oh, let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

While life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my Guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside.

May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire;
As Thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!

When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Saviour then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul!—Amen.

The Call to Worship

Minister: Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near: let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

People: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. The Lord is nigh unto all of them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth.

Minister: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

People: Seeing that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God: let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

The Doxology

The Invocation

Minister and People: Eternal and Almighty God, whose name is Love, we humbly seek Thy face as, in spirit and in truth, we worship Thee. We approach Thee in deep humility, in tender penitence and with contrite hearts. May we hear Thy voice,

speaking to our hearts, in the hallowed hush of this service of communion. May we here learn how to perfectly love Thee and worthily magnify Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Minister: Create in us a clean heart, O God:

People: And renew a right spirit within us.

Minister: Cast us not away from Thy presence:

People: And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

Minister: Restore unto us the joy of Thy salvation:

People: And uphold us with Thy free Spirit.

Minister: O Lord, open Thou our lips:

People: And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise. Amen.

The Gloria Patri

← The Reading of the Holy Scripture

St. Mark 14:17-26

An Anthem

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

A Prayer Hymn

"BREAK THOU THE BREAD OF LIFE" (Bread of Life)

Break Thou the bread of life,
Dear Lord, to me,
As Thou didst break the loaves
Beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page
I seek Thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for Thee,
O living Word.

Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord,
To me—to me,
As Thou didst bless the bread
By Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease,
All fetters fall;
And I shall find my peace
My All in all.—Amen.

The Offering

The Offertory

The Communion Meditation

The Invitation to the Lord's Supper

A Litany of Confession

Minister: Eternal God, our Father, hear us in our prayer of confession as we come to this Sacrament: For the sorrows which brought no softening of heart, for the chastenings which yielded no peaceable fruit of righteousness:

People: Have mercy upon us, O God, we humbly entreat Thee.

Minister: For the rebukes of conscience which led to no amendment of life, for the counsels of Thy Word we have known and not followed:

People: Have mercy upon us, O God, we humbly entreat Thee.

Minister: For the gospel of Thy Son we have believed and not obeyed, for the leading of the spirit of truth we have acknowledged and not followed:

People: Have mercy upon us, O God, we humbly entreat Thee.

Minister and People: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Communion Hymn (congregation seated)

"JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA" (Woodworth)

Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me, And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!	Just as I am! Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
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Just as I am, and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!	Just as I am! Thy love unknown Has broken every barrier down; Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
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The Distribution of the Bread

The Distribution of the Cup

A Prayer of Consecration

A Hymn of Dedication

"WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS" (Hamburg)

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.	See, from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down: Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
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Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ my God: All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.	Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all. Amen.
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The Benediction

The Postlude