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Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Feb 19, 2023



TRANSFIGURATION

Mission Statement

We are a worshipping, inquiring and inclusive community united in Jesus' name to change the world.

Welcoming Statement

We invite everyone to join in the communal life of the body of Christ, through participation and leadership in this congregation, and by fully sharing in the life and sacraments of this church. We affirm that each person is a child of God, and that those of every race, ethnicity, creed, age, gender, marital status, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation and gender identity are called to be one with us.

The Entrance Rite

Prelude
Chuck Sheaffer

Processional Hymn #542 Christ is the world’s true light


Introductory Rite

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Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
All: And blessed be God’s Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.
Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church

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Brandi Anderson, Roberta Bearden, Sarah Hartmann, Carolyn List, Chuck Sheaffer, Nancy Silva, Judy Teter and Victoria Winchester

Treasurer: Stephanie Gilmer (non-vestry)

Vestry Clerk: Carolyn List

St. Paul's Ash Wednesday Service will be this Wednesday the 22nd at 7:00 p.m.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Talent Show & Raffle

will be in the Parish Hall this Tuesday the 21st. Supper starts at 5:30 p.m. and the talent show will start at 6:00 p.m.

It's not too late to sign up for the talent show. Contact Chuck Sheaffer 209-765-1214.

February Happenings

- Feb - African-American History Month
- Feb 14 - Valentine's Day
- Feb 20 - President's Day
- Feb 20 - Knit One, Pray Too 1:00 p.m. Youth room
- Feb 21 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper, Talent Show and Raffle, Parish Hall
- Feb 22 - Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 p.m.
- Feb 23 - Book Study at Rex and Yvonne Adamson's home, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
- Feb 25 - CHP Crab Feed, Parish Hall
- Feb 26 - First Sunday in Lent, Service at 10:00 a.m.

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your onlybegotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

The Old Testament Reading

Exodus 24:12-18

¹²The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.” ¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

The Psalm

Psalm 2

¹ Why are the nations in an uproar? *
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
² Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,
and the princes plot together, *
against the Lord and against his Anointed?
³ “Let us break their yoke,” they say; *
“let us cast off their bonds from us.”
⁴ He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; *
the Lord has them in derision.
⁵ Then he speaks to them in his wrath, *
and his rage fills them with terror.
⁶ “I myself have set my king *
upon my holy hill of Zion.”
⁷ Let me announce the decree of the Lord: *

Meetings, News and Needs

- ◇ There is a parish member living in the Coffee & Sunrise area who needs a ride to church on Sunday mornings. Please call Jeni if you can help.
- ◇ The Salvation Army commodities program at the church is in need of paper & plastic shopping bags. Please bring them to church on any Sunday or drop them off at the office any Monday from 9-12.
- ◇ Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper and Talent Show will be on Feb 21st. If you have a talent that you wish to share, please contact Chuck Sheaffer.
- ◇ Knit One, Pray Too will have their first meeting this year on Monday Feb 20 at 1:00 pm in the Youth Room off of the Parish Hall. They will be thinking about what their project will be for this year.
- ◇ Tai Chi meets in the Parish Hall every Tues. and Thurs. from 9 to 10.
- ◇ Food Distribution continues in the Parish Hall the 1st Wednesday of every month from 11 to 12 noon.
- ◇ Book Study - Rex Adamson will be hosting a weekly book study during Lent to examine the instruction of Christ given in the Gospel of Matthew to, “Go and make disciples of all nations...”. The discussions will center around the book, Is The Commission Still Great by Steve Richardson. The study will be at the home of Rex and Yvonne Adamson, Thursday evenings, 7-8:30, February 23, March 2, 9, 16, and 23. The book will be provided for free and registration is required. Call Rex at 209-595-4935 to register and for full details.
- ◇ BINGO - Mark your calendar on March 24th at 6:30 pm for an evening of *Bingo!* Invite your friends for an evening of fun for all ages!
- ◇ Paint and Succulents Day - Want to create something beautiful for all seasons? Need help or encouragement with painting and planting? In June come paint a flower pot guided by a local artist and fill it with lovely succulent plants while learning about them. All materials will be included to decorate the pot and finish it with a variety of plants. More details to come, including the date and time.



Free Tax Preparation

Community Services Agency

StanWORKS Building, 251 E. Hackett Rd. Modesto, CA 95358.

To make an appointment or get more information call 209-558-1510.

The only date left is March 25th

See the full article in the Feb Epistle.

Beyer Patriot Robotics Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction

Friday March 3rd from 5:00 pm to 8:30pm.
Eat-in or pickup to-go between 5:00 and 8:00

Auction will close between 8:00 and 8:30.

Buy it now auction items will also be available
St. Paul's Church Parish Hall

Tickets are \$15 and can be bought from any
robotics student or from the web page link
below.

<https://gofan.co/p/7916FD9D9676B6DE3F70607C43F2A53F>

Ticket includes pasta, salad, bread, dessert & drink.

Beer and wine will be available for purchase on-site.



he said to me, “You are my Son;
this day have I begotten you.

⁸ Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for
your inheritance *

and the ends of the earth for your possession.

⁹ You shall crush them with an iron rod *

and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”

¹⁰ And now, you kings, be wise; *

be warned, you rulers of the earth.

¹¹ Submit to the Lord with fear, *

and with trembling bow before him;

¹² Lest he be angry and you perish; *

for his wrath is quickly kindled.

¹³ Happy are they all *

who take refuge in him!

The New Testament Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eye-witnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn #129 Christ upon the mountain top

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

Rev. Lyn Morlan

The Nicene Creed

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally be-

Prayer and Praise

as of 2-6-2023



♦ Christine Judd is still in the hospital in terrible pain and has an infection throughout her body. Please pray for healing, comfort and strength and for the wisdom of her Doctors and family when making decisions about her future care.

♦ Please pray for Bonnie Palmer and her son-in-law Jack Biglow. They have both tested positive for Covid. Also pray that it doesn't spread to the rest of the family.

- ♦ Please pray for David West.
- ♦ Pray for strength, comfort and healing for Deacon Amy Larson as she recovers from illness.
- ♦ Jean, a friend of Sarah Hartmann, had open heart surgery last week and is doing very well. Please pray for continued healing.
- ♦ Praise & Thanksgiving, Carol Collier's operation was a success and she is now home. Amen! please continue to pray for healing.
- ♦ Please continue to pray for healing for Keith and Ginny Munroe.
- ♦ Continued healing for Rj.
- ♦ Please pray for our Vestry and the new members.
- ♦ Please pray for those who maybe alone or struggling in some way.
- ♦ Please pray for our search committee.

We are looking for someone to volunteer to run the live streaming of our service on Sunday mornings. If you are interested, please contact Joyce Bell at 215-275-6502.

Final Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

The blessing is bestowed.

Recessional Hymn #135 Song of thankfulness and praise

Celebrant: Alleluia, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude: Chuck Sheaffer



The chart to sign up for flowers for 2023 is in the narthex. Now is your chance to sign-up for the dates you want before they are taken.

February Ministry Schedule

	Feb 5	Feb 12	Feb 19	Feb 26
Clergy Homily	Rev. Dondi Rev. Dondi	Rev. Lyn Rev. Lyn	Rev. Lyn Rev. Lyn	Rev. Lyn Dcn. Greg
Acolytes	Nancy S Judy T	Jim P Annamary	Nancy S Claudine	Judy T Claudine
Lectors	Steph HW Ann M	Sarah H Nancy S	Barbara V Judy T	Steph G Barbara V
Intercessor	Carolyn L	Victoria W	Robert B	Nancy S
Greeters & Ushers	Phil M Linda L	Sarah H Carolyn L	Phil M Linda L	Sarah H Carolyn L
Vestry Rep	Carolyn L	Victoria W	Barbara V	Nancy S

gotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake, He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His Kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

The Prayers of the People

The Confession of Sin

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Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and

forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Rite of Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Blessings and Celebrations

Birthday Prayer

Watch over your *children*, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when they stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if they fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Wedding Anniversary Prayer

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and His Church. Send, therefore, your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer for the Anniversary of Baptism

O God, you prepared your disciples for the coming of the Holy Spirit through the teaching of your Son, Jesus Christ, who was first baptized by John in the Jordan River. Bless this *child* of yours on the anniversary of Baptism, that the gifts of the Holy Spirit may ever remain with *them*, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Hymn Levas # 146 Break thou the bread of life

Closing Prayers

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

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Lord make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Celebrant: And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing

The Lord's Prayer

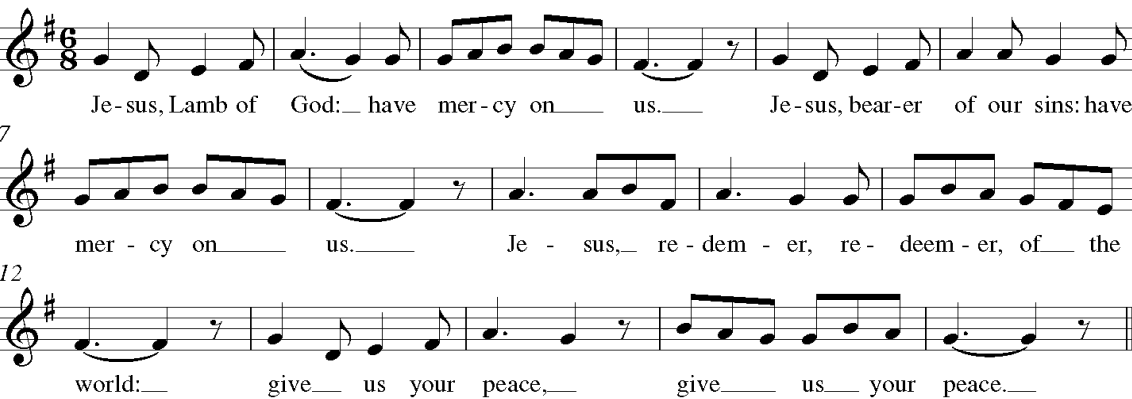


Our Fa- ther who art in hea- ven, Hal- lowed be thy Name, Thy king- dom
come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea ven. Give us this day our
dai- ly bread. For- give us our tres- pas es, As we for- give those who tres pass a- gainst us,
as we for- give. And lead us not in- to temp - ta- ion, but de - li - ver us from
e - vil. Thine is the king- dom and the pow - er and the
glo - ry for ev - er. A - men

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us

All: Therefore, let us keep the feast, Alleluia.

Agnus Dei



Je- sus, Lamb of God: have mer- cy on us. Je- sus, bear- er of our sins: have
mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - dem - er, re - deem - er, of the
world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

Prayer for the Sick

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your servant *N.*, that *his* weakness may be banished and *his* strength re- stored; and that *his* health being renewed, *he* may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Offertory Hymn Levas #64 I love to tell the story



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Holy Communion The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

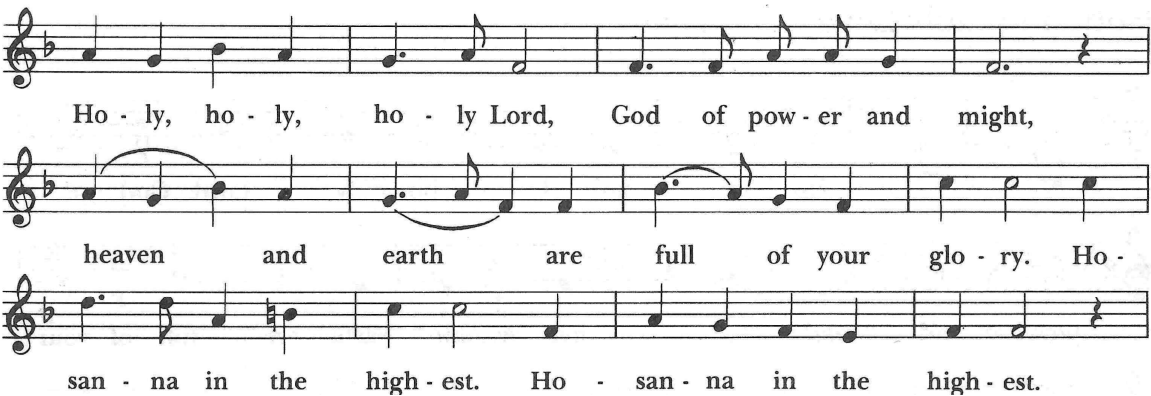
People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

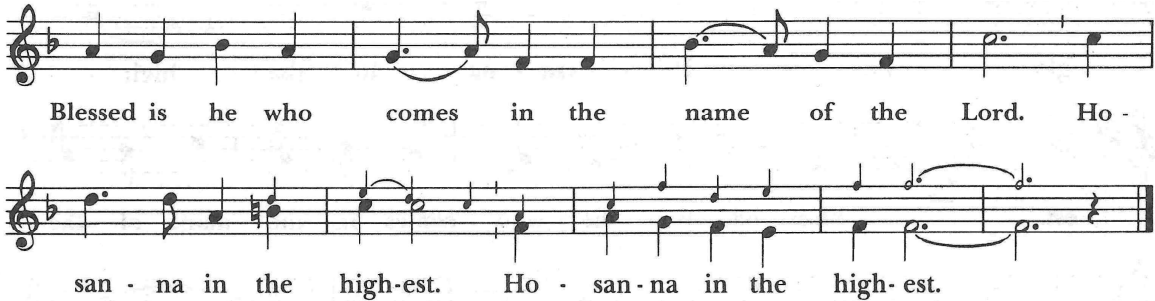
People: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *A Community Mass*: Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Celebrant: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People: We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Celebrant: Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**