



A Service for Holy Communion

## Opening Prayer

P: God, before time began,  
God, after all time ends,  
God, of the present moment, we worship you.

Before our earliest memories, you knew us;  
after all memories shall cease, you will know us still.

Out of reach, of the highest endeavors of science;  
Undefined, by the deepest workings of our brains,  
yet to the humble heart, the questing spirit,  
the anguished soul, the quiet mind,  
you choose, in love and mercy, to make yourself known,  
you choose to come to us  
in the Word made flesh – Jesus Christ –  
and give yourself to us in bread and wine  
that fed with your life,  
we will make your life-giving presence known to the world.  
Amen.

## Celebration of Holy Communion

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Words of Institution

### The Lord's Prayer

L: Now let us pray the prayer our Lord Jesus Christ has taught us.

C: 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, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

*As you share the bread and wine/grape juice with one another, you may say:*

*L: The body of Christ, given for you.*

*L: The blood of Christ, shed for you.*

### Post-Communion Blessing

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## Prayer of Saint Boniface

P: Eternal God, the refuge and help of all your children,  
we praise you for all you have given us,  
for all you have done for us,  
for all that you are to us.  
In our weakness, you are strength,  
in our darkness, you are light,  
in our sorrow, you are comfort and peace.  
We cannot number your blessings,  
we cannot declare your love:  
For all your blessings we bless you.  
May we live as in your presence,  
and love the things that you love,  
and serve you in our daily lives;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

~ written by St. Boniface (ca. 672-754)

## Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.  
C: **Amen.**