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HOLY COMMUNION LITURGY

The table of our Lord Jesus Christ is open to all who are in communion with the church universal. You are therefore invited to join with us in this holy fellowship.

Minister: Our Lord Jesus Christ said, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind and with all your strength; and your neighbor as yourself.”

Ten Commandments:

God spoke all these words saying,

- ◆ *I am the Lord your God; you shall have no other god before me.*
- ◆ *You shall not make yourself any graven image.*
- ◆ *You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain*
- ◆ *Remember the Sabbath day and keep it Holy.*
- ◆ *Honour your father and your mother.*
- ◆ *You shall not kill*
- ◆ *You shall not commit adultery.*
- ◆ *You shall not steal.*
- ◆ *You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.*
- ◆ *You shall not covet anything that is your neighbor's.*

Minister: Lord, have mercy on us;

Cong: Christ have mercy on us.

Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord;

Cong: Who made heaven and earth.

Minister: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom 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.

The Lord's Prayer:

All: *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, the power and the glory forever and ever, Amen.*

Eternal God our heavenly Father, you admit your people into such wonderful communion that they partake by a divine mystery of the body and blood of your Son, and live in Him and in them; we, unworthy sinners, approaching your presence and seeing your glory, do repent our sins. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have broken our past vows and have dishonored your name.

Most merciful Father, have pity upon us. For the sake of Jesus Christ forgive us all our sins. Deliver us by your Holy Spirit from all our uncleanness and enable us to forgive others as we pray you to forgive us, and to serve you faithfully from now onwards in newness of life, to the glory of your Holy name. Amen.

Minister: O God, who has prepared for those who love you such good things as pass man's understanding; pour into our hearts such love towards you that we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor glory, world without end. Amen.

Apostles Creed:

All standing: I believe in God the father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only son our Lord. Who was conceived by the Holy spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From where He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy catholic Church; The Communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Congregation seated:

Minister: Lift your hearts.

Cong: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

Cong: It is right and fitting so to do.

Minister: You Mighty God, heavenly King, we magnify and praise you with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we worship and praise you and ever more, saying.

All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory; Glory be to you O Lord most high. Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest!

Minister: **Breaking of bread (1Cor. 11:23-26)**

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world;

Cong: Have mercy on us.

Minister: Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world;

Cong: Have mercy on us.

Minister: Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world:

Cong: Grant us your peace.

Communion: Distribution of Elements.

Minister: Take eat; this is the Holy body of Christ which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Him. This cup is the new covenant in the blood of Christ, which is shed for many for the remission of sins; drink of it.

After all have taken the elements.

Minister: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Cong: And all that is within me bless His glorious name.

Minister: Bless, the Lord oh my soul.

Cong: And do not forget all His benefits.

Minister: Who forgives all your iniquity.

Cong: Who heals all your diseases.

Minister: Who redeems your life from destruction.

Cong: Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

Minister: Who satisfies you with good things as long as you live.

Cong: So that your youth is renewed like the eagles.

Minister: Bless the Lord, all His works, all places of His dominion.

Cong: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Minister: Glory be to the father and to the son and to the Holy Spirit.

Cong: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And with your spirit.

Minister: Go forth in peace.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

Benediction:

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge And love of God, and of His son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.