

ELW Funeral with Communion

## **GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit, the comforter, gathers us in worship.

## **INTRODUCTION**

*The ministers may meet the coffin and the bereaved at the entrance to the church. The assembly stands and faces them.*

*The presiding minister may address the assembly using one or both of these paragraphs, or in similar words.*

### ***OPTION A: Welcome in the name of Jesus***

Welcome in the name of Jesus,  
the Savior of the world.  
We are gathered to worship,  
to proclaim Christ crucified and risen,  
to remember before God our *sister/brother* name,  
to give thanks for *her/his* life,  
to commend *her/him* to our merciful redeemer,  
and to comfort one another in our grief.

### ***OPTION B: Blessed be the God and Father***

Blessed be the God and Father  
of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the source of all mercy  
and the God of all consolation,  
who comforts us in all our sorrows  
so that we can comfort others in their sorrows  
with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*A thanksgiving for baptism may follow. As a sign of being clothed with Christ in baptism, a pall may be placed on the coffin by family members, pallbearers, or other assisting ministers. The minister or a representative of the congregation may say:*

### ***OPTION A: When we were baptized in Christ Jesus***

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus,  
we were baptized into his death.  
We were buried therefore with him  
by baptism into death,  
so that as Christ was raised from the dead  
by the glory of the Father,  
we too might live a new life.  
For if we have been united with him in a death like his,  
we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

### ***OPTION B: All who are baptized into Christ***

All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ.  
In *her/his* baptism,

name was clothed with Christ.  
In the day of Christ's coming,  
*she/he* shall be clothed with glory.

*The presiding minister may lead this acclamation.*

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

**We glorify you.**

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

**We praise you.**

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

**We worship you.**

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

**Amen.**

*A procession may form and enter, the ministers leading. A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.*

## **GREETING**

*During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*The presiding minister prays the prayer of the day.*

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

### ***OPTION A: O God of grace and glory***

O God of grace and glory,

we remember before you today our *sister/brother name*.

We thank you for giving *her/him* to us to know and to love  
as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth.

In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn.

Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up

in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ,

so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call,

we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### ***OPTION B: Almighty God, source of all mercy***

Almighty God, source of all mercy and giver of comfort,

graciously tend those who mourn,

that, casting all their sorrow on you,

they may know the consolation of your love;

through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

***OPTION C: At the death of a child***

Holy God, your beloved Son took children into his arms and blessed them.  
Help us to entrust name to your never-failing care and love.  
Comfort us as we bear the pain of *her/his* death,  
and receive us all into your everlasting arms,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

**READINGS**

*The assembly is seated. Two or three scripture readings are proclaimed. When the service includes communion, the last is a reading from the gospels. Responses may include a psalm in response to a reading from the Old Testament, a sung acclamation preceding the reading of the gospel, or other appropriate hymns, songs, and psalms.*

**SERMON**

*The assembly is seated.*

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

**CREED**

*The Apostles' Creed may be spoken.*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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\*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The prayers of intercession, prepared or adapted for the occasion, may include the following or similar petitions. An assisting minister may lead the prayers.*

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept.*

Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ.

Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.

God of mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ.

God of mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Give courage and faith to all who mourn,  
and a sure and certain hope in your loving care,  
that, casting all their sorrow on you,  
they may have strength for the days ahead.

God of mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith,  
that, where this world groans in grief and pain,  
your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life.

God of mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand,  
to believe and trust in the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting.

God of mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers.*

God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

*The assembly is seated.*

## MEAL

God gives us a foretaste of the feast to come.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

### DIALOGUE

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*

#### ***OPTION A: Holy Communion Setting 1***

[elw\\_hc1\\_dialogue\\_m](#)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

#### ***OPTION B: Holy Communion Settings 2, 3, 5, 9***

[elw\\_hc2\\_dialogue\\_m](#)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

#### ***OPTION C: Holy Communion Setting 4***

[elw\\_hc4\\_dialogue\\_m](#)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

#### ***OPTION D: Holy Communion Settings 6, 7, 8, 10***

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

### PREFACE

*The presiding minister continues:*

#### ***OPTION A: Holy Communion Setting 1***

[elw\\_hc1\\_pref\\_funeral\\_m](#)

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
who rose from the dead, and in whom our hope of resurrection dawns.  
The sting of death has been removed by the glorious promise of his risen life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***OPTION B: Holy Communion Settings 2, 3, 5, 9***

[elw hc2 pref funeral m](#)

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
who rose from the dead, and in whom our hope of resurrection dawns.  
The sting of death has been removed by the glorious promise of his risen life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***OPTION C: Holy Communion Setting 4***

[elw hc4 pref funeral m](#)

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
who rose from the dead, and in whom our hope of resurrection dawns.  
The sting of death has been removed by the glorious promise of his risen life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***OPTION D: Holy Communion Settings 6, 7, 8, 10***

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
who rose from the dead, and in whom our hope of resurrection dawns.  
The sting of death has been removed by the glorious promise of his risen life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

***OPTION A: Holy Communion Setting 1***

[elw hc1 holy m](#)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*OPTION B: Holy Communion Setting 2*

[elw hc2 holy m](#)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

*OPTION C: Holy Communion Setting 3*

[elw hc3 holy m](#)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of pow'r and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*OPTION D: Holy Communion Setting 4*

[elw hc4 holy m](#)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*OPTION E: Holy Communion Setting 5*

[elw hc5 holy m](#)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of pow'r and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*OPTION F: Holy Communion Setting 6*

[elw hc6 holy m](#)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

***OPTION G: Holy Communion Setting 7***

[elw hc7 holy m](#)

*Santo, santo, santo\_es el Señor,  
Dios del universo; santo\_es el Señor.  
Santo, santo, santo\_es el Señor,  
Dios del universo; santo\_es el Señor.  
Hosanna en el cielo, hosanna en la tierra.  
Bendito el que viene\_en el nombre del Señor.  
Hosanna en el cielo, hosanna en la tierra.  
Bendito el que viene\_en el nombre del Señor.  
Holy, holy, holy Lord God,  
God of might and power; holy is the Lord.  
Holy, holy, holy Lord God,  
God of might and power; holy is the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna here on earth.  
Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna here on earth.  
Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

***OPTION H: Holy Communion Setting 8***

[elw hc8 holy m](#)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of pow'r and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

***OPTION I: Holy Communion Setting 9***

[elw hc9 holy m](#)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest,  
hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest,  
hosanna in the highest.

***OPTION J: Holy Communion Setting 10***

[elw hc10 holy m](#)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest,  
hosanna in the highest.**

#### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

*The presiding minister continues, using one of the following or another appropriate form.*

#### ***OPTION Aa: You are indeed holy; Holy Communion Setting 1***

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy,  
and great is the majesty of your glory.  
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.  
We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.  
In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

#### **[elw hc1 christ](#)**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

[elw hc1 amen](#)

***OPTION Ab: You are indeed holy; Holy Communion Setting 2***

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy,

and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

[elw hc2 christ](#)

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,

we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;

we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,

and these your own gifts of bread and wine,

so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,

and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,

may be formed to live as your holy people

and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

[elw hc2 amen](#)

***OPTION Ac: You are indeed holy; Holy Communion Setting 3***

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy,

and great is the majesty of your glory.  
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.  
In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

[elw hc3 christ](#)

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.  
To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

[elw hc3 amen](#)

***OPTION Ad: You are indeed holy; Holy Communion Setting 4***

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy,  
and great is the majesty of your glory.  
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.  
We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

[elw hc4 christ](#)

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.  
To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

[elw hc4 amen](#)

***OPTION Ae: You are indeed holy; Holy Communion Setting 5***

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy,  
and great is the majesty of your glory.  
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.  
We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.  
In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

[elw hc5 christ](#)

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;

we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

[elw hc5 amen](#)

***OPTION Af: You are indeed holy; Holy Communion Settings 6, 7, 8***

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy,  
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,

his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.  
To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

***OPTION Ag: You are indeed holy; Holy Communion Setting 9***

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy,  
and great is the majesty of your glory.  
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.  
We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.  
In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

[elw hc9 christ](#)

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,

so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.  
To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.  
[elw\\_hc9\\_amen](#)

***OPTION Ah: You are indeed holy; Holy Communion Setting 10***

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy,  
and great is the majesty of your glory.  
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.  
We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.  
In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.  
[elw\\_hc10\\_christ](#)

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.  
To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

[elw hc10 amen](#)

***OPTION B: In the night in which he was betrayed; All Holy Communion Settings***

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

***OPTION C: Advent through Epiphany; All Holy Communion Settings***

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,  
the Word made flesh.  
In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**  
With this bread and cup  
we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming.  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**  
Holy God, we long for your Spirit.  
Come among us.  
Bless this meal.  
May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.  
Fill us with your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours,  
Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

***OPTION D: Ash Wednesday through Day of Pentecost; All Holy Communion Settings***

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.  
Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.  
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.  
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.  
In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.  
Send us forth,  
burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With name/s and your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God,  
blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

***OPTION E: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord; All Holy Communion Settings***

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.  
In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.  
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

***OPTION F: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father; All Holy Communion Settings***

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:  
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.  
You have filled all creation with light and life;  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:  
the promise to Israel,  
the rescue from Egypt,  
the gift of the promised land,

the words of the prophets;  
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,  
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed  
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.  
In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup  
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.  
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,  
we await his coming in power  
to share with us the great and promised feast.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,  
that we who share in Christ's body and blood  
may live to the praise of your glory  
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants  
of every time and every place,  
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest  
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

***OPTION G: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal; All Holy Communion Settings***

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:  
you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.  
You formed the earth from chaos;  
you encircled the globe with air;  
you created fire for warmth and light;  
you nourish the lands with water.

You molded us in your image,  
and with mercy higher than the mountains,  
with grace deeper than the seas,  
you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying,  
might be adopted to live in your Spirit,  
you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Together as the body of Christ,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Son,  
the first-born of your new creation.  
We remember his life lived for others,  
and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth.  
We await his coming,  
when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom,  
all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate,  
send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit,  
whose breath revives us for life,  
whose fire rouses us to love.

Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food.  
Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit,  
that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Holy and benevolent God,  
receive our praise and petitions,  
as Jesus received the cry of the needy,  
and fill us with your blessing,  
until, needy no longer and bound to you in love,  
we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb:  
through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One,  
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.

**Amen.**

***OPTION H: God of our weary years, God of our silent tears; All Holy Communion Settings***

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
    you have brought us this far along the way.  
In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,  
    but guided us into the path of love and light.  
In every age you sent prophets  
    to make known your loving will for all humanity.  
The cry of the poor has become your own cry;  
    our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.  
In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant  
    to preach good news to the afflicted,  
    to break bread with the outcast and despised,  
    and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.  
In the night in which he was betrayed,  
    our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
    broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
    Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
    Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
    and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
    This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
    shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
    Do this for the remembrance of me.  
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup  
    we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,  
    we await the day when Jesus shall return  
    to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.  
Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen

**Amen.**

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,  
    to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup  
    with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.  
Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen

**Amen.**

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age,  
    that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,  
    we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen.**

***OPTION I: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God; All Holy Communion Settings***

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:  
beyond the stars; beneath the sea;  
within each cell; with every breath.

**We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness:  
through the water; by night and day;  
across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

**We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son:  
at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;  
beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

**We thank you, O God.**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
in our gathering; within this meal;  
among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus,  
by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

**Amen.**

***OPTION J: O God most mighty, O God most merciful; All Holy Communion Settings***

O God most mighty,  
O God most merciful,  
O God our rock and our salvation,  
hear us as we praise,  
call us to your table,  
grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void,  
you formed order and beauty.

When Abraham and Sarah were barren,

you sent them a child;  
When the Israelites were enslaved,  
you led them to freedom.  
Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath,  
and the psalmists cried out for healing,  
and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.  
You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.  
He was born among the poor,  
he lived under oppression,  
he wept over the city.  
With infinite love, he granted the people your life.  
In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup,  
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. [**Amen.**]  
Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. [**Amen.**]  
Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. [**Amen.**]  
O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.  
O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.  
O God, you are wine: warm our hearts and make us one.  
O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.  
O God most majestic, O God most motherly,  
O God our strength and our song,  
you show us a vision of a tree of life  
with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.  
Grant us such life,  
the life of the Father to the Son,  
the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,  
life in you, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

***OPTION K: We give you thanks, Father; All Holy Communion Settings***

We give you thanks, Father,  
through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son,  
whom you sent in this end of the ages  
to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.  
He is your Word, inseparable from you,  
through whom you created all things,  
and in whom you take delight.

He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb.  
He there took on our nature and our lot  
and was shown forth as your Son,  
born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.  
He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will  
and won for you a holy people;  
he stretched out his hands in suffering  
in order to free from suffering those who trust you.  
He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted,  
in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one,  
to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous,  
to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection,  
taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Remembering, then, his death and resurrection,  
we take this bread and cup,  
giving you thanks that you have made us worthy  
to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.  
Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church;  
gather into one all who share this bread and wine;  
fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,  
that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ;  
through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,  
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.  
**Amen.**

***OPTION L: A Prayer for Church Anniversaries***

*This prayer is based on the readings appointed for Reformation Day: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Romans 3:19-28; and John 8:31-36. Passages in italics are especially appropriate for giving thanks at the Reformation. These may be adapted for other church anniversary occasions.*

O God before time, O God at the end,  
we delight in the splendor of your universe.  
Daily we laud your continuing creation,  
and we give thanks  
*for all the homelands of your Reformation people.*  
We glorify you, now and forever.  
**We glorify you, now and forever.**  
O God of the covenant, O God of the church,  
we hear you speaking to centuries of your people.  
We come as your children to this table,

and we give thanks for your presence  
*among Lutheran congregations around the world.*  
We praise you, now and forever.

**We praise you, now and forever.**

You gave us Mary and Magdalene, Peter and Paul,  
*Luther and Melancthon, Henry Muhlenberg, and  
Elizabeth Fedde*

—let us call out more names—

*Katharina Luther the homemaker, Cranach the artist,  
Bach the musician, Nicolai the hymnwriter,  
Nommensen the missionary, Kierkegaard the philosopher,  
Bonhoeffer the martyr, Hammarskjöld the statesman,  
countless other servants of the Reformation.*

We bless you, now and forever.

**We bless you, now and forever.**

You came as Jesus, our wisdom, our guide,  
*embodying forgiveness, granting us grace, setting us free,*  
dying for sin, and alive for the life of the world.

We worship you, now and forever.

**We worship you, now and forever.**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.

**Amen.**

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.

**Amen.**

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.

**Amen.**

Come, Holy Spirit, and make here the body of Christ.

Breathe onto this food, that it bring us your life.

*Empower your Reformation people throughout the world  
to preach and teach, baptize and feed,  
pray and sing, comfort and heal.*

By your Spirit,

preserve what is faithful;

reform what we treasure;

create in us what is vital and new.

We honor you, now and forever.

**We honor you, now and forever.**

O God before time, O God at the end,  
Father, Son, and Spirit,  
we laud you,

*Covenant Lord, our Redeemer, the Strength of truth.*

Glory and praise, blessing and worship,  
honor and power and might be to you, our God,  
forever and ever.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

*The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.*

### ***OPTION A: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit***

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

### ***OPTION B: Lord, remember us***

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

### ***OPTION C: No Introduction***

### ***OPTION A: Our Father in heaven***

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

### ***OPTION B: Our Father, who art in heaven***

**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.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*The presiding minister may address the assembly in these or similar words.*

##### ***OPTION A: Taste and see***

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

##### ***OPTION B: Come to the banquet***

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

*The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.*

#### COMMUNION

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond*

Amen.

*The ministers commune either after or before others commune.*

#### COMMUNION SONG

*“Lamb of God” may be sung.*

##### ***OPTION A: Holy Communion Setting 1***

[elw hc1 lamb m](#)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

##### ***OPTION B: Holy Communion Setting 2***

[elw hc2 lamb m](#)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace.

##### ***OPTION C: Holy Communion Setting 3***

[elw hc3 lamb m](#)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace.

***OPTION D: Holy Communion Setting 4***

[elw hc4 lamb m](#)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

***OPTION E: Holy Communion Setting 5***

[elw hc5 lamb m](#)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace. Amen

***OPTION F: Holy Communion Setting 6***

[elw hc6 lamb m](#)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

***OPTION G: Holy Communion Setting 7***

[elw hc7 lamb m](#)

*Cordero de Dios, tú que quitas el pecado del mundo;  
ten piedad de nosotros, ten piedad de nosotros.*

*Cordero de Dios, tú que quitas el pecado del mundo;  
ten piedad de nosotros, ten piedad de nosotros.*

*Cordero de Dios, tú que quitas el pecado del mundo;  
danos to paz, danos tu paz.*

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

***OPTION H: Holy Communion Setting 8***

[elw hc8 lamb m](#)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.**

***OPTION I: Holy Communion Setting 9***

[elw hc9 lamb m](#)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

***OPTION J: Holy Communion Setting 10***

[elw hc10 lamb m](#)

**Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.**

*Assembly song and other music may accompany the communion.*

**SONG AFTER COMMUNION**

*After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands. The presiding minister may say a table blessing; the assembly responds*

**Amen.**

***OPTION A: Holy Communion Setting 1***

*The assembly may sing the following or another suitable song.*

[elw hc1 nowlord m](#)

**Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:  
your word has been fulfilled.**

**My own eyes have seen the salvation  
which you have prepared  
in the sight of ev'ry people:**

**a light to reveal you to the nations  
and the glory of your people Israel.**

**Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace.**

***OPTION B: Holy Communion Setting 2***

*The assembly may sing the following or another suitable song.*

[elw hc2 nowlord m](#)

**Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:  
your word has been fulfilled.**

**My own eyes have seen the salvation  
which you have prepared  
in the sight of ev'ry people:  
a light to reveal you to the nations  
and the glory of your people Israel.**

***OPTION C: Holy Communion Setting 3***

*“Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace” or another suitable song may be sung. (The song at #204 was written for this setting.)*

***OPTION D: Holy Communion Setting 4***

*“Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace” or another suitable song may be sung. (The song at #207 was written for this setting.)*

***OPTION E: Holy Communion Setting 5***

*“Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace” or another suitable song may be sung. (The song at #201 is well suited to this setting.)*

***OPTION F: Holy Communion Setting 6***

*“Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace” or another suitable song may be sung. (The songs at #200 and 205 are well suited to this setting.)*

***OPTION G: Holy Communion Setting 7***

*“Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace” or another suitable song may be sung. (The song at #203 is well suited to this setting.)*

***OPTION H: Holy Communion Setting 8***

*“Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace” or another suitable song may be sung.*

***OPTION I: Holy Communion Setting 9***

*“Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace” or another suitable song may be sung.*

***OPTION J: Holy Communion Setting 10***

*“Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace” or another suitable song may be sung. (The songs at #313 and 440 are well suited to this setting.)*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*The assisting minister leads one of the following or a similar prayer after communion.*

Let us pray.

***OPTION A: We give you thanks, almighty God***

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

***OPTION B: O God, we give you thanks***

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

***OPTION C: God of abundance***

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

***OPTION D: In this meal you have drawn us***

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

***OPTION E: O God, our life, our strength, our food***

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

***OPTION F: God for whom we wait: Advent***

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

***OPTION G: With our eyes we have seen your salvation: Christmas***

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

***OPTION H: Compassionate God, you have fed us: Lent***

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

***OPTION I: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection: Easter***

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

### **SENDING**

God blesses us and sends us out in peace.

### **COMMENDATION**

*The ministers take their places at the coffin. The presiding minister leads the commendation.*

Let us commend name to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

*Silence is kept.*

*The presiding minister may place her/his hand on the coffin during this prayer.*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant name.

Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold,

a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming.

Receive *her/him* into the arms of your mercy,

into the blessed rest of everlasting peace,

and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

**Amen.**

*Here or during the procession out, a farewell may be sung: "Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace," an acclamation (#222–223), or another hymn or song.*

*If the committal occurs at another time, a blessing may precede these words of sending.*

Let us go forth in peace,

**in the name of Christ. Amen.**

*A procession may form and leave the church, the ministers leading.*

### **COMMITTAL**

*The ministers precede the coffin to the place of interment. During or at the conclusion of the procession, words of comfort may include any of the following:*

Job 19:25 *I know that my Redeemer lives*

Psalm 23 *The Lord is my shepherd*

Psalm 42:1-7 *As a deer longs for flowing streams*

Psalm 121 *I lift up my eyes to the hills*

Colossians 3:1-4 *Your life is hidden with Christ in God*

Romans 14:8 *If we live, we live to the Lord*

Revelation 21:1-4 *I saw a new heaven and a new earth*

John 11:25-26a *I am the resurrection and the life*

*Especially at the committal of a child:*

Isaiah 40:11 *God will gather the lambs*

Hosea 11:1, 3-4 *When Israel was a child*

Revelation 7:17 *The Lamb will be their shepherd*

Matthew 19:14 *Let the little children come*

*The presiding minister greets the assembly.*

Grace and peace from our Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.  
Let us pray.

Holy God, holy and powerful, by the death and burial of Jesus your anointed, you have destroyed the power of death and made holy the resting places of all your people. Keep our *sister/brother* name, whose body we now lay to rest, in the company of all your saints. And at the last, O God, raise *her/him* up to share with all the faithful the endless joy and peace won through the glorious resurrection of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*One of the following, or other appropriate texts, may be read.*

1 Corinthians 15:51-57 *Where, O death, is your victory*

Philippians 3:20-21 *Our citizenship is in heaven*

John 12:23-26 *Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth*

*Especially at the committal of a child:*

Revelation 7:15-17 *God will wipe away every tear*

Revelation 21:3b-4, 7 *I will be their God and they will be my children*

*The coffin may be lowered into the grave or placed in its resting place.*

*Earth may be cast on the coffin as the presiding minister says:*

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to almighty God our *sister/brother* name, and we commit *her/his* body to  
*the ground / the deep / the elements / its resting place;*

earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

The Lord bless *her/him* and keep *her/him*.

The Lord's face shine on *her/him* with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon *her/him* with favor and ✝ give *her/him* peace.

**Amen.**

*The following response may be sung, or may be spoken by the minister.*

Rest eternal grant *her/him*, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon *her/him*.

*One of the following prayers may be said.*

**OPTION A: O Lord, support us**

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**OPTION B: Merciful God, you heal the broken**

Merciful God, you heal the broken in heart and bind up the wounds of the afflicted.

Strengthen us in our weakness, calm our troubled spirits,  
and dispel our doubts and fears.

In Christ's rising from the dead,

you conquered death and opened the gates to everlasting life.

Renew our trust in you that by the power of your love

we shall one day be brought together again with our *sister/brother* name.  
Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer may be prayed.*

***OPTION A: Our Father in heaven***

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

***OPTION B: Our Father, who art in heaven***

**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.**

*The assembly is blessed and sent forth.*

***OPTION A: The God of peace***

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.  
**Amen.**

***OPTION B: Almighty God***

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

Let us go in peace.

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