

Peace and Justice Communion Liturgy
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Invitation

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us open our hearts to the love of God.

All: We open our hearts to God.

Jesus invites all who believe in his reign of justice and love to gather around this table and be fed in body and spirit for strength on the journey. As we prepare to share in this holy meal together, may we confess before God and one another our need for grace.

Confession:

God of Peace, we know that we have tarnished your vision for this world. You have called us to a way of love - loving you and loving our neighbor - but we have strayed, seeking our own version of justice instead of the one you have for us. We have fought with one another, we have not worked for peace, we have not done that which you require of us. Help us, O God, to seek instead your way of justice and loving kindness, as you usher us into your presence. Amen.

Words of Assurance

In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

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Passing of the Peace

Let us greet one another with signs of restoration and forgiveness.

Holy Communion:

All: You have told us, O God, what is good and right.

One: You gave us a vision of a peaceable Kingdom in the garden of Eden, where man and women were united to serve you.

All: You have told us, O God, what is good and right.

One: Instructing your people through the prophets to be united with one another, seeking peace.

All: You have told us, O God, what is good and right.

One: Showing us a different way of living in community through Jesus Christ.

Loving God, you have invited us time and time again to do what is good and right in your sight. To live the way that you intended us to live, in a community of peace and wholeness. You have given us every opportunity to return to you and embrace your vision. We witness now to you now, joining our voices together and remembering your reign of peace and love and justice.

Sanctus

When we rejected your version of the peaceable Kingdom, instead following our own wants and desires you sent us Jesus Christ, who modeled for us through his actions and words a new path of justice and peace. Yet, we rejected him as well. But Jesus still embraces us, as we share in this holy meal, remembering how on the night he gave himself for us in love he took bread, broke it, gave it to his disciples and said "Eat this and remember me." After the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples and said, "Drink this, and remember me." So today, we gather together around the bread and the cup and remember - remember the acts of power and loving kindness expressed through our Lord, Jesus Christ as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Memorial Acclamation

Holy God, pour out your Spirit on us and on these gifts of the bread and the cup. May they strengthen us to do what you require: to walk humbly with you, to love others, and to seek justice in the face of oppression, so we might be your people, proclaiming to others your Kingdom.

Amen.

Words of Consecration

Sharing of the Elements