

A Service of Word and Table For September



Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Glory to God. Amen**

Passing the Peace

The Great Thanksgiving

God is here.
God's Spirit is with us.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to God.
Let us give thanks to God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise

We give thanks to you, creating God, breath of all being; the earth is yours and all that is in it, and all who dwell therein. You founded it upon the seas and made it firm upon the deep. You planted seeds in fertile ground, to rise and sing your praise.

Glory to you forever.

You formed us from the earth and planted goodness in our souls, that we might love like you. You called us to live your law of harmony and to long for your commands. Yet, when our disordered cravings bowed down our spirit, you did not leave us low, but bent down to meet us and grow us up again.

Therefore we lift our voices in thanksgiving, for you have wondrously made us. By water and your life-giving Spirit, you have more wondrously remade us to join the song of all creation and forever sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of goodness and life,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

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We give you thanks, O God, that you sowed your Word in Jesus, to grow your kingdom here on earth and draw us ever near. Jesus planted mercy wherever he went, to reap a greater righteousness. He shared bread with outcasts and sinners and healed the brokenhearted.

Glory to you forever.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat, this is my body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Glory to you forever.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.