

Eucharistic Prayer

**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.**

Eat This Bread
Jesus Christ, Bread of Life

Refrain

“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
or Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

Let us bless our God.
To God be thanks forever.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

A sign of peace may be shared by all

Taize Eucharist



Exploring Community

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words from the Book of Common Prayer as adapted by the Community of St. Helena
and from Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals

music by Jacques Berthier from the Taizé Community

The leader will read the words in plain type and the assembly those in bold

Please stand

Hymn-Veni Sancte Spiritus

Veni Sancte Spiritus Holy Spirit, Come to Us

Ostinato (repeated continuously)

Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus. Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.
Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us. Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.

A Litany to Honor Women

**We walk in the company of women who have gone before,
mothers of the faith both named and unnamed,**

Testifying with ferocity and faith to the Spirit of wisdom and healing. They are the judges, the prophets, the martyrs, the warriors, poets, lovers, and saints who are near to us in the shadow of awareness, in the crevices of memory, in the landscape of our dreams.

We walk in the company of Deborah,

Who judged the Israelites with authority and strength.

We walk in the company of Esther,

who used her position as queen to ensure the welfare of her people.

We walk in the company of you whose names have been lost and silenced,

Who kept and cradled the wisdom of the ages.

We walk in the company of the woman with the flow of blood,

Who audaciously sought her healing and release.

We walk in the company of Mary Magdalene,

Who wept at the empty tomb until the risen Christ appeared.

We walk in the company of Phoebe,

Who led an early church in the empire of Rome.

Prayer For Communion

The table of bread is now to be made ready.

It is the table of company with Jesus,
and all who love him.

It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world,
with whom Jesus identified himself.

It is the table of communion with the earth,
in which Christ became incarnate.

So come to this table,

you who have much faith

and you who would like to have more;

you who have been here often

and you who have not been for a long time;

you who have tried to follow Jesus,

and you who have failed;

come.

It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

All:

Loving God,

through your goodness

we have this bread and wine and grape juice to offer,

which has come forth from the earth

and human hands have made.

May we know your presence in the sharing,

so that we many know your touch

in all things.

We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared

among his community through the centuries,

and shares with us now.

Made one in Christ and one with each other,

we offer these gifts and with them ourselves,

a single, living act of praise.

Amen.

Sanctus

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.

Hymn

Ubi caritas et amor
Where True Charity and Love Abide

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,

u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est.
God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there.

Please stand

Gospel Reading John 19:25b-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

Silent Meditation and Centering Prayer

Prayers of the Community

Each petition will end with "God in your mercy..." and the community will sing:

O Lord, Hear My Prayer
The Lord Is My Song

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.
or The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

We walk in the company of Perpetua of Carthage,
Whose witness in the third century led to her martyrdom.

We walk in the company of St. Christina the Astonishing,
Who resisted death with persistence and wonder.

We walk in the company of Julian of Norwich,
Who wed imagination and theology, proclaiming, "all shall be well."

We walk in the company of Sojourner Truth,
Who stood against oppression, righteously declaring in 1852, "Aint I a woman!"

We walk in the company of the Argentine mothers of the Plaza de Mayo,
Who turned their grief to strength, standing together to remember "the disappeared" children of war with a holy indignation.

We walk in the company of Alice Walker,
Who named the lavender hue of womanish strength.

We walk in the company of you mothers of the faith,
Who teach us to resist evil with boldness, to lead with wisdom, and to heal.

Amen.

Please sit

Psalm 149

Alleluia!

Sing to God with new songs!

Let the faithful assemble to praise Her.

Let all God's people dance for joy before their Creator.

Let Her daughters and sons rejoice in Her presence.

Let them praise Her with dancing and musical instruments.

Surely God takes pleasure in Her people.

Surely She adorns Her beloved with peace!

Therefore let the faithful exalt in Her glory.

Let them cry out for joy from their beds.

Let their mouths be filled with the high praises of God.

God's Word accomplishes Her will in the world.

It chastises the peoples and the nations;

It binds all rulers with the demands of obedience.

God requires justice from all those in power,

And threatens unjust leaders with vengeance.

This delights all the faithful.

Alleluia!