



*Morning Prayer &  
Communion*

**Fall Liturgy**

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*Epiclesis Morning Prayer & Communion  
for the Fall Season*

**ALL:** +In the sacred name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### Opening Sentences

**ALL:** One thing I have asked of the Lord,  
this is what I seek:  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life;  
to behold the beauty of the Lord  
and to seek Him in His temple.

*Call:* Who is it that you seek?

Response (**All**): We seek the Lord our God.

*Call:* Do you seek Him with all your heart?

Response (**All**): Amen. Lord, have mercy.

*Call:* Do you seek Him with all your soul?

Response (**All**): Amen. Lord, have mercy.

*Call:* Do you seek Him with all your mind?

Response (**All**): Amen. Lord, have mercy.

*Call:* Do you seek Him with all your strength?

Response (**All**): Amen. Christ, have mercy.

### Declaration of Faith

**ALL:** To whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life,  
and we have believed and have come to know  
that You are the Holy One of God.

*Pause.*

**ALL:** Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

## Confession

So, we come to God, aware that we need Him with every fiber of our being. We want nothing to stand between us. We draw near, and as we are held, we slowly dare to look into the face of the One who holds us... and gradually our own faces and our lives begin to reflect His beauty.

*Pause.*

**ALL:** Eternal Light, shine into our hearts.

Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil.

Eternal Power, be our support.

Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance.

Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us.

Grant that we may ever seek Your face with all our heart, soul and strength. And in Your infinite mercy bring us at last to the fullness of Your presence where we shall behold Your glory and live Your promised joys.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

## Creed

**ALL:** We believe in God

who is never confined to our imagining,

is never in bondage to our understanding

and never kept within our dwelling places.

Our God is the mystery

of divine and human, bound together,

of power and vulnerability,

of crucifixion and resurrection.

Our God is the wonder

of truth and compassion,

of liberation and responsibility,

of eternal wisdom and amazing grace.

*Turn the page>>*

We celebrate this God  
who leaps free of all our boundaries in love,  
stretching out beyond any barricades  
and in mercy bending deep  
into fragile hearts.

*Pause.*

## Scripture Readings for the Day

*Pause.*

## Meditation for the Day

*Pause.*

## Prayers for Ourselves and Others

*Pause.*

(Say to each person in turn):

**ALL:** *(Name)*, you are not an accident.  
Even at the moment of your conception,  
out of the many possibilities,  
only certain cells combined,  
survived, and grew to be you.  
You are unique.  
You were created for a purpose.  
God loves you.

## Prayer of Commitment

This day is Your gift to me;  
I receive it, Lord, from Your hand  
and thank You for the wonder of it.

**ALL:** God be with me in this Your day,  
every day and every way,  
with me and for me  
in this Your day; and the love and affection  
of heaven be toward me.

All that I am, Lord,  
**ALL:** I place into Your hands.

All that I do, Lord,  
**ALL:** I place into Your hands.

Everything I work for  
**ALL:** I place into Your hands.

Everything I hope for  
**ALL:** I place into Your hands.

The troubles that weary me  
**ALL:** I place into Your hands.

The passions that disturb me  
**ALL:** I place into Your hands.

Each day for which I pray  
**ALL:** I place into Your hands.

Each one for whom I pray  
**ALL:** I place into Your hands.

*Pause.*

The Lord's Prayer (**ALL**)

*Pause.*

## Passing of the Peace

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.  
Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you."

May we know this peace with God and peace between each other.  
My brothers and sisters, the peace of Christ be with you.

**ALL:** And also with you.

# The Eucharist

## Invitation to Communion

Many will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the Kingdom of God. At Emmaus, when our risen Lord was at table with those who had walked with Him, He took the bread and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him. In the same way now He invites all who choose to trust Him to share in the broken bread.

Let us pray.

## Eucharistic Prayer

Blessed are you, God, faithful and strong. All your works, the height and the depth, echo the silent music of Your praise. In the beginning Your Word summoned light, night withdrew, and creation dawned. Then, as if ages had passed unseen, waters gathered on the face of the earth and life appeared. When at last the days had ripened and the earth grown full in abundance, You created in Your image man and woman, the stewards of all creation. You gave us breath and speech, that all the living might find a voice to sing Your praise, and to celebrate the creation You made and called good.

All-holy God, how wonderful the work of your hands!

Because sin rose up to leave a fault-line, even in the earth, You stepped forward to enter into a covenant of peace that can renew the whole creation. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, as a father joyfully welcomes his own, You embraced a people as Yours, filling them with a longing for a peace that would last, a justice that will never fail. Through countless generations, Your people hungered for the bread of freedom. From them you raised up Jesus, Your son, the living bread, in whom ancient hungers are satisfied. He healed the sick, though He Himself would suffer; He offered life to sinners, though death would hunt Him down. But with a love stronger than death, He opened His arms and surrendered His spirit.

Father, let Your Holy Spirit move in power over us  
and over our earthly gifts of bread and wine  
that we may have communion in the body and blood of Christ,  
and that in Him we may become one.

Amen?

**ALL:** Amen.

## Words of Institution

On the night He was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread and after giving thanks, as we have done in His name...

He broke it and gave it to His disciples.

And He said, "Take and eat this, My body broken for you. Eat it, remembering I have given My whole self for you."

After supper, He took the cup and lifted it up before them.

And He said, "This cup is the sign of a new blood-covenant. My blood is shed for each of you. Drink of this cup, remembering My love for you. And never be ashamed of your love for Me."

Receiving this bread and wine we honor the saving death of Jesus the Lord Christ, Who is High King above all kings, our Champion, beloved, and friend.

His Body for you.

His blood instead of yours.

*Communion is Shared*

## Prayer after Communion

God, we thank You for walking together with us through the spilt blood and broken body of Your son, Jesus. In the peace this brokenness has brought us, we are made whole. May we live as Your holy people, outstretching the edges of Your peaceable Kingdom. Amen.

## Canticle

**ALL:** Christ, as a light  
illumine and guide me.  
Christ, as a shield  
overshadow me.

Christ under me;  
Christ over me;  
Christ beside me  
on my left and my right.  
This day be within and without me,  
lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.  
Be in the heart of each to whom I speak;  
in the mouth of each who speaks unto me.  
This day be within and without me,  
lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.  
Christ as a light;  
Christ as a shield;  
Christ beside me  
on my left and my right.

## Blessing

Lord, may Your glory be seen in us,  
that with all Your creation we may reach father up and farther in  
to all the goodness You have prepared for us in love.

**ALL:** +In the sacred name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.