

COMMUNION LITURGY

One: On Holy Thursday we remember how Jesus himself knelt down and washed the feet of the community of his disciples. He called them together so he could serve them and they could serve each other according to his example; so that they could be a community. On this Holy Thursday we want to remember that Christ invites us to celebrate together and be servants for each other.

One: When I want to talk to the one who listens, when I want to hand over what holds me down, then I say:

Many: Our God in Heaven

One: When I experience, how much humankind is without peace, how much injustice happens, how much creation is destroyed, then I hope:

Many: Your realm come

One: When I want that everything go my way, then I remember:

Many: Your will be done

One: When I realize how precious is what sustains me, and that it is not self-evident, then I ask:

Many: Our daily bread, give us today

One: When I pretend, that suffering and pain of others is none of my business, then I pray:

Many: And forgive us our trespasses

One: When I want to go the easy way, when I think only about myself, then I think:

Many: And don't lead us into temptation

One: When I am full of hope and I believe, that there is good, and a good ending, then I confess:

Many: For yours is the realm and the power and the glory forever and ever.

One: Let us pray together the prayer, that unites Christians of all times and nations since ages past:

All: Recite the Lord's prayer "Our Father . . ."

One: Trusting Jesus who has saved us all on the cross and knowing that the grace of God is larger than all human understanding, I tell you: Your sins are forgiven. Start a new life in the light of God and in the love of Jesus Christ. Amen

Many: In our church we celebrate an inclusive communion. With this we mean, that everybody is invited to join into this celebration of God. All who hear this invitation and want to experience God and Jesus Christ in bread and the fruit of the vine are welcome.

One: Again and again God calls us into this celebration of community, gives us a wild welcome! Let us now give each other this wild welcome of God, let us experience it. All of you are invited to give bread to his or her neighbor, to the brother or sister God places next to us and welcome her or him in the presence of God and in this community. All are included to share the cup. At the end we will say a blessing for the whole community gathered in the presence of God.

One: To you God, Creator, we want to give our thanks always for what you have done for us. You call us into this community; as your beloved children we stand here, each and every one called to serve each other and be part of the community of Christ.

Many: And now, O God, send your spirit upon us and on these elements of Bread and Fruit of the Vine, so that they become your body for us which heals, forgives and makes us whole, and that we become your body for you, loving and caring in this world, until your realm comes.

One: And we remember Jesus, who was together with his friends in the night when he was betrayed. He took bread, gave thanks and gave it to his friends and said: Take and eat all. This is my body, given for you. Do so and make me the reality of your lives.

Many: In the same way, after the meal, he took a cup. He gave thanks and gave it to his friends and said: Take and drink all of it: This is the cup of the new covenant, the new and everlasting promise of God for all people. Do so and remember me.

One: At this table we are in community with Christians around the world and across time. And so we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again

Many: This is the table of God, not of the church. And it is prepared for all who love God, for all who want to experience God.

One: So come all, you with strong faith and you who want to believe; you who are here often, and you who are here for the first time; you who tried to follow, and you who stayed behind.

Many: Come, not because I invite you, for it is God who calls you and it is God's will that all find life here. Come and share this meal.

Communion

Blessing after the meal

All: God bless you and call you again and again into community. God give you sisters and brothers at your side who serve you and whom you can serve. God give you joy in your life. Amen.