

Gathering Around the Table

*This communion liturgy might be used for World Communion Sunday
or during a service of remembrance and healing*

One: While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take, this is my body."

All: As we eat this bread made of flour, we reflect that both this bread and some among us have been pounded by human hands.

One: The flour is mixed with salt.

All: We reflect that salt is painful to wounds. We pray that we would not reinjure our sisters and brothers by our words or actions.

One: The salt and flour are mixed with oil.

All: We reflect that oil is also used for healing and blessing. We pray for the healing of our sisters and brothers. We ask for God's blessing upon them.

One: God, we ask you to bless this broken bread and the broken bodies and spirits of our sisters and brothers. We ask that as we eat this bread you would continue the process of healing.

Then Jesus took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them and all of them drank from it. He said to them, "This is the cup of salvation which is poured out for many."

All: As we drink from this cup, we reflect that both the wine and some among us have been crushed by human hands.

One: Wine can be used to cleanse wounds.

All: We ask God to cleanse us spiritually, emotionally, and physically.

One: God, we ask you to bless this crushed juice and the crushed bodies and spirits of our sisters and brothers. We ask that as we drink from this cup you would begin new growth that will bear much fruit. The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, all is ready.