

ALL SAINTS COMMUNION SERVICE

...NAMING OF THE SAINTS

(move to table)

[The parts of the Eucharistic form are marked in red]

INVITATION

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!
They will come from east and west,
and from north and south,
from all times and places
to sit at table
and bask in God's Eternal Presence
in the Dominion of God.
This is the Lord's table.
And our Savior invites
Those baptized into his Commonwealth
to share the feast which he has prepared.
All who have not yet been baptized
Are invited to come receive the Lord's blessing
As you journey toward Christ's faith.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

} Opening dialogue

} *Sursum corda* (=“Lift up your hearts”)

Preface (Thanksgiving for God appropriate for church year): It is indeed right to give our thanks and praise to the God of Abraham and Sarah, Miriam and Moses, Joshua, Deborah, Ruth, David, priests, prophets, Mary, Joseph, apostles, martyrs, God of our mothers and fathers and our children to all generations, for you, Everlasting One, made us all. You fashion us into one people, and continue to love us even when we deny our ancestry. You continue to call us home to you through saints dedicated to your will.

Therefore we praise you joining our voices with all the people of faith of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory!

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Continued Praise/Thanksgiving for Christ: Blessed are you, most gracious God, for the gift of your child, our brother, Jesus Christ, who lived in accord with your will to the

point of laying down his life for the good news he preached and passed on to us.
{Remembrance of his table fellowship →} On the night of his arrest, he taught us how to serve one another in love with a ritual of table fellowship enjoyed by Christian saints of all times and places.

And so in remembrance of our Lord Jesus Christ, {←anamnesis/oblation →} we offer ourselves with thanksgiving as a living sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for us as we live out the mystery of the faith we proclaim:

Memorial acclamation: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

Epiclesis: Spirit of the living God, make us one as we partake of these your gifts to us so we might be in communion with you and one another.

Intercessions/supplications: As we break bread together, may our eyes be opened to see your glory shining through all the saints of times past. As we lift the cup of salvation, may we be strengthened to follow your Way even to the point of death, mingling our praises with the blood of martyrs who offer themselves for God's new day of justice, peace, and harmony in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Until Christ comes in final victory and we feast together at God's great family reunion with all the saints, keep your church one in service to the world here and now. Work with who we are and where we are to form these clay pots into vessels of living praise, that our lives may participate in the same unending song of the universe raised by all the saints,

Doxology: Through Christ with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor and praise are yours almighty God, now and forevermore.

Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

{breaking bread} The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat.

This is my body, given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

{lifting cup} The minister lifts the cup, saying:

In the same way he took the cup, saying:

This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it,

do this in remembrance of me.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

This can occur in a variety of forms: serving in seats, intinction in a line, or by passing elements around in a circle

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(Rev. 7:9-17)

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, crying out with a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our “God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying,

“Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen!”

HYMN

CHARGE: Hebrews 12:1-2

Teresa Lockhart Stricklen