



A Eucharistic Prayer for the Global Pandemic

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Please refer to the Virtual Communion Introduction for appropriate language to help instruct your congregation in preparation for this form of Eucharist.

It is assumed that the congregation does not have an order of worship or script. Therefore, their parts are prompted by the Pastor, as written.

Introductory Words from Pastor

Before you begin, say:

We are experiencing Holy Communion in a new way today.

Though physically separated from one another,

we are still bound together as family through our baptism.

As members of the household of God we now join together virtually,

yet still present to one another as we gather from across the miles.

This presence is marked by our shared praises and prayers, our shared hearing and affirming of God's word, and now our shared eating.

And now, as we share in the Great Thanksgiving,

each time I say, "*The family responds,*"

you will repeat back the response I have given to you.

The Great Thanksgiving

The peace and presence of the Lord be with us.

So we lift up our hearts.

And the family says, "We lift them up to God."

People: "We lift them up to God!"

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God, because it is the right thing to do, not only now, but always - day after day after day.

And the family says, "Day after day after day."

People: "Day after day after day."

We thank you, creator God, that you made us in your image, and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, our love failing, and our bodies diseased, you reached out to us again and again, providing healing, wholeness, and new life.



When the flood came,
You provided an ark.

When the plagues came
You provided safety.

When evening came,
You provided a pillar of fire.

When exile came,
You provided a new song.

Day after day after day,
Your love remained steadfast.

And the family says: Day after day after day.

People: Day after day after day.

And so with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven, we praise your name
and join their unending hymn.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord! God of power and might!

The family says: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord! God of power and might!

People: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord! God of power and might!

Heaven and Earth are full of your glory.

The family says: Heaven and Earth are full of your glory.

People: Heaven and Earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the Highest!

The family says: Hosanna in the Highest!

People: Hosanna in the Highest!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God.
Blessed is your Son who came to preach the good news to the poor,
release to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
Freed the oppressed,
and announced that the time had come



when you would save your people.

He healed the sick.

And the family says, "He healed the sick."

People: "He healed the sick."

He is healing the sick now.

And the family says, "He is healing the sick now."

People: "He is healing the sick now."

He will heal the sick, day after day after day.

"And the family says, "day after day after day."

People: "day after day after day."

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Let us be a community of healer and hope givers, as together we proclaim the mystery of faith:

"The family says: Christ has died."

People: Christ has died.

"The family says: Christ is risen."

People: Christ is risen.

"The family says: Christ will come again."

People: Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Let them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
so that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
made whole by his witness, passion and life.
In this season of social distancing,
may you remind us that we are never spiritually distant from You.



We belong to your body.

“The family says: We belong to your body.”

People: We belong to your body.

May the Spirit use us to heal and reconcile in Jesus name,

“The family says: We will heal and reconcile in Jesus name.”

People: We will heal and reconcile in Jesus name.

And now Holy Spirit make us one in Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world.

“The family says: Amen!”

People: Amen!

The Lord’s Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

This bread reminds us that any life, no matter how broken, or sick, or distorted it may become,
can be made whole again.

The Pouring of the Cup

The cup reminds us that any life, no matter how empty, or lonely, or isolated it may become,
can be filled again.

These are the gifts of God, for the family of God.”

And the family says, “Thanks be to God.”

People: Thanks be to God.

Invitation

I invite you to prayerfully partake in Holy Communion by whatever means you have.



Prayer After Receiving

Day after day after day you give yourself to us:

in two or three gathered in your name,
in connection across the miles,
and in bread and wine.

As we go from this gathering around your table, may we feel restored to your body,
companied by your people, and sustained by the power of your Spirit
as we witness to your healing and reconciling work.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

When the service concludes, instruct the congregation that their remaining Communion elements can be consumed or returned to the earth.