**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

INVITATION (Brian)

WE CALL UPON THE LORD

We lift up our hearts to you, O Lord. We call upon to be near us. Bring your mercy and love. Be our sure strong presence, our redemption and everlasting hope.

WE GIVE THANKS FOR ALL THAT GOD HAS DONE

It is our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, Creator of the Universe and Savior of our hearts. In love, you created all things and made us in your image, setting us in this world to love and serve. When we were unfaithful and turned away from you, you did not forsake us but loved us steadfastly. You delivered us from captivity, and made covenant to be our God, and through the voice of the prophets called us back to you. In the fullness of time, you showed your love by sending your son, Jesus, to be the Light of the World. Jesus came to heal our brokenness and show us the ways of justice and peace.

WE REMEMBER CHRIST’S SACRIFICE FOR US

You are holy, O God, and blessed is Jesus who took upon himself the weight of our sin and carried the burden of our guilt. He walked this earth, sharing our life in every way, and yet was sinless to the end. Baptized as your own, Jesus went willingly to his death, and by your power was raised to new life.

WE ASK GOD TO BE PRESENT IN THE SHARING OF THIS MEAL

**\***And now, whether you are home alone or with family, whether you have a cracker or a piece of bread or juice or wine, I invite you to join with me now in the blessing of the bread and the cup. Take the bread and the cup in your hands and lift them before the Lord. Remember Jesus and his sacrifice, as we invite God’s Spirit to be present.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and juice that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Be known to us, O Risen Lord, in the bread and the cup, and just as through your Spirit you are here with us, so may your Spirit make us present one with another even as we are apart.

WE REMEMBER HOW JESUS INSTITUTED THIS MEAL

Join with me now in these ancient words from I Corinthians:

 **The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.**

TOGETHER IN THE SACRAMENT

 The Body of Jesus Christ for you. Take and eat and remember.

 The Blood of Jesus Christ for you. Take and drink and remember.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Holy God, even when all of this is over, may we never forget how you held us together while we were apart, how you built a table across the miles, and how you call us to continue the work of inviting everyone to come to your table. We ask this in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.**