**INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE**

This is the joyful feast of the people of God!

***PEOPLE WILL COME FROM EAST AND WEST, AND FROM NORTH AND SOUTH, AND TOGETHER SIT AT THE TABLE IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD***

 This is the Lord’s table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared. When Jesus sat at table and enjoyed communion with sinners he proclaimed that God’s care knows no bounds. We proclaim again the comfort and challenge of that witness: all are invited now to share God’s table, and be nourished by the bread of life.

**THE THANKSGIVING**

Lift up your hearts. ***WE WILL LIFT THEM UP TO GOD.*** Give thanks to God, God is good. ***GODS LOVE IS EVERLASTING*** Holy God, Creator of the world, Savior of all people, life giving Spirit: who sent a star to guide wise men to where Christ was born, and whose signs and words in every age lead people to him: we thank you for showing us our Lord Jesus, the light of the world, by whom we are saved, and baptized into your service.

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD OF HOSTS HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF THY GLORY GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD MOST HIGH.***

Holy God: we thank you for your son Jesus, who lived with us sharing joy and sorrow. He told your story, healed the sick, and was a friend of sinners. Obeying you, he took up his cross and was murdered by people he loved. We praise you that he is not dead, but is risen to rule the world, and that he is still the friend of sinners. We trust him to overcome every power to hurt or divide us, so that, when you bring in your promised kingdom, we will celebrate victory with him.

***REMEMBERING THE LORD JESUS, WE BREAK BREAD AND SHARE ONE CUP, ANNOUNCING HIS DEATH FOR THE SINS OF THE WORLD, AND TELLING HIS RESURRECTION TO ALL PEOPLE AND NATIONS.***

Great God, give your Holy Spirit in the breaking of bread so that we may be drawn together, and, joined to Christ the Lord, receive new life and remain his glad and faithful people until we feast with him in glory.

***O GOD, WHO CALLED US FROM DEATH TO LIFE: WE GIVE OURSELVES TO YOU, AND WITH THE CHURCH THROUGH ALL AGES, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SAVING LOVE IN JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. OUR FATHER…***

 **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**AGNUS DEI**

***O LAMB OF GOD, THAT TAKEST AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD, HAVE MERCY UPON US.***

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***O LAMB OF GOD, THAT TAKEST AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD, GRANT US THY PEACE.***

**THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

***AND ALL THAT IS WITHIN ME, BLESS GOD’S HOLY NAME!***

Bless the Lord O my soul***, AND FORGET NOT ALL GODS BENEFITS***

Let us pray.

***GOD OUR HELP: WE THANK YOU FOR THIS SUPPER SHARED IN THE SPIRIT WITH YOUR SON JESUS, WHO MAKES US NEW AND STRONG, WHO BRINGS US LIFE ETERNAL. WE PRAISE YOU FOR GIVING US ALL GOOD GIFTS IN HIM, AND PLEDGE OURSELVES TO SERVE YOU, EVEN AS IN CHRIST YOU HAVE SERVED US. AMEN.***