

The Call to God's Table
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The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, our God!

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God. As Jesus welcomed all people in his ministry to dine with him, so we know this feast is open and available to all who seek God's face and yearn for his mercy.

Come to the table, come join the sinners, you have been redeemed, take your place beside the Savior, sit down and be set free, come to the table.

To the thief and to the doubter, to the hero and the coward, to the prisoner and the soldier, to the young and to the older.

All who hunger, all who thirst, all the last and all the first, all the paupers and the princes, all who failed, you have been forgiven.

All who dream and all who suffer, all who loved and lost another, all the chained and all the free, all who follow, all who lead.

**Anyone who has been let down, all the lost you have been found, all who have been labeled right or wrong, to anyone who hears this song:
Come to the table!**

Let us pray...

Gracious and eternal God, with joy we give you our thanks and praise.

You formed us in your image, loved us with an everlasting love, and graced us with gifts for serving.

When we were faithless and would not follow, you forgave us and returned us to your way.

In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus, your only begotten and beloved, to be for us the way, the truth, and the life.

By your Holy Spirit, he anointed all who would follow him to live a new life, in your love.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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.

Words of Institution

The Receiving of the Body and Cup of Christ

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer