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People: We thank you for all that sustains life, for all people of faith in every generation who have given themselves to your will.

Pastor: Gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit in the world, we offer ourselves to you as we unite our voices with the entire family of your faithful people everywhere.

People: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God most high.

The Consecration

Pastor: Merciful God, we are people who need you every hour. We have these common elements of the bread and the cup. By your grace, bless us with a renewed sense of your presence in our lives. Bless this bread and this cup to its holy purpose.

People: In Christ's name we pray, amen.

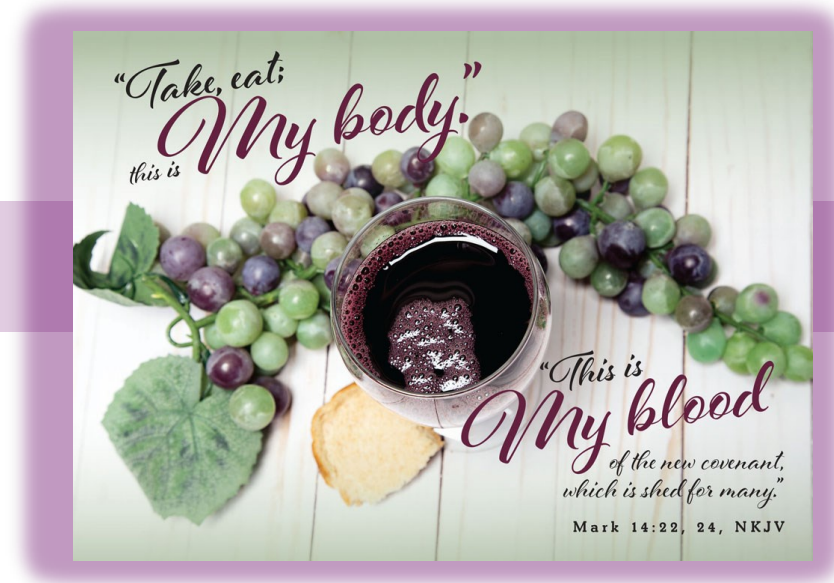
The Communion

The Bread
The Cup



Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of Christ's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed at Christ's table that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love. May your universal church be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world. We ask this in Christ's name. Amen.



The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

Pastor: The call goes out to all people, everywhere, "Come and worship."

People: We respond to that call in our time and place.

Pastor: The communion of Jesus Christ is open to all. Jesus said, "Come to me all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." May that which is offered to you here through the bread and the cup be fulfilling to you, according to your faith.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: Amen.

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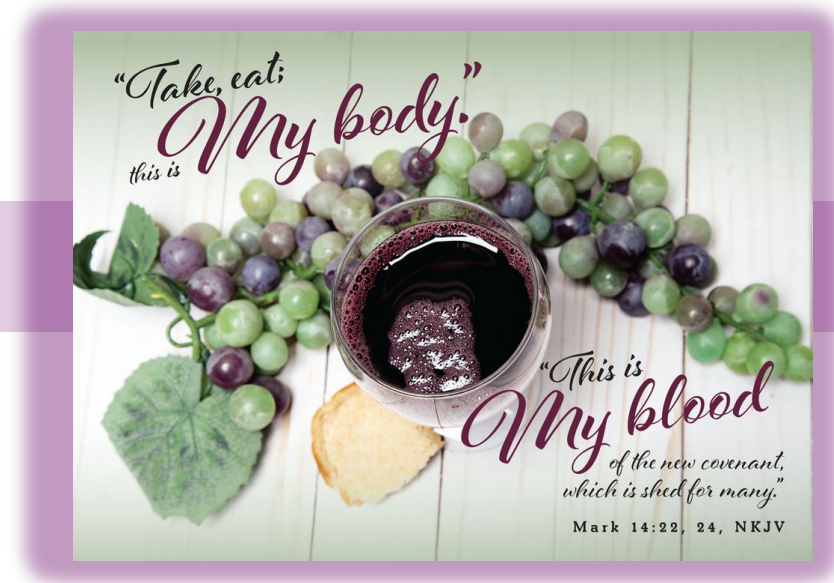
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