

Celebrating the Eucharist

All: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Leader 1: Gathered as a community of believers, let us listen to God's word spoken to us through Scripture.

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Leader 2: *In the same way also the cup, 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 death of the Lord until he comes.*

(1 Corinthians 11:23–26)

Leader 1: The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. We believe it is the center of who we are and what we believe. Jesus gives himself to us in Holy Communion. We celebrate the Paschal Mystery, the suffering, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus.

All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Leader 2: Jesus saved us from sin and restored our friendship with God.

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.

Leader 1: We will never fully understand this. We can only do our best to live a life that reflects the love and mercy we have received from God. We can be a witness to others of his great gift to mankind.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Leader: Spend a moment in quiet reflection thanking God for the gift of his Son, Jesus.

All: Generous God, you gave us your Son that we may once again be in friendship with you. Help us feel his presence in our hearts, especially when we receive the Eucharist. With your grace, strengthen us and make us true disciples of Jesus, your Son. Amen.