

## World Communion Sunday—The Lord's Supper

### INVITATION

One: Christ invites us all to this Holy Feast.  
as we gather this morning  
we remember our sisters and brothers  
from above and below the equator,  
from the North and from Down Under,  
from every time zone around the globe.  
As today's sunlight inches across land and sea  
Christians gather to celebrate their place in God's family.  
All are invited and all are welcome, Come, for the meal is ready!

### THANKSGIVING

One: Loving and gracious God  
Who summons galaxies into being,  
we give thanks and blessings to you.  
We bless you for our world.  
The diversity of our planet amazes us  
from the prairies and pampas of the Americas  
to the dusty deserts of Africa and Asia,  
from the majestic mountains of Europe  
to the vast outback of Australia  
We give you thanks for the multiplicity of humanity  
with our complexity of color and culture  
yet called into oneness-of being through Christ.  
With many tongues, yet with one voice,  
we honor you saying:

**All: 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.**

One: Loving and gracious God  
Who surrounds creation with abundant love,  
we give thanks and blessings to you.  
We bless you for your love,  
made known to us through Jesus,  
Which reassures and reconciles us  
to you, to ourselves and to one another.  
As Christ is our light to you, may we be lights to others  
illuminating the path toward communion  
with You, The Holy Spirit and Jesus our friend and brother. Amen.

### BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS

One: God, may this bread connect us more closely with you  
and with our neighbors near and far.

**All: Bless this bread, we pray.**

One: May this fruit of the vine remind us  
Of the inter-connectedness of people around the world,

**All: Bless this cup, we pray.**

One: May this simple meal bring us into union with you,  
your people and your world united in the in the One Body of Christ