

Madoc Communion Liturgy

WELCOME

This is the table of Jesus Christ.

**It is the table of welcome into friendship with Jesus
and all who love him.**

It is the table of forgiveness for your sins by Jesus' sacrifice.

**It is the table of reconciliation with God
and with one another.**

It is the table of being with the least, lost, little & last
as equals under the cross,
learning to serve one another as Jesus has served us.

**It is the table that sends us into the world as the body of Christ,
ready to offer our lives that others may know Jesus,
and that our world may receive healing and peace.**

This table is made ready for those who love God
and who want to love God more.

So gather round, you who have much faith
and you who have little,
You who have been here often
and you who have not been for a long time or ever before,
You who have tried to follow
and you who have failed.

Come, because Jesus invites you to be known and fed here.

GOD IS GREAT!

Sing a song of praise to God.

Let's give praise to God as we recite the "Glory Be".

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be forever. Amen.**

I'M SORRY

**Our merciful God,
we confess to you and to one another,
that we are not all that we would like to be.
We carry wounds and regrets,
some of which are of our own making,
and some of which we have received from others.
We acknowledge our failings,
in our thoughts and in our words,
in what we have done,
and in what we have left undone.
In your mercy forgive us, strengthen us,
heal us by your Spirit
and raise us to new life in Christ.
Amen.**

PLEASE HELP

Pray for needs in our church, community & world.

Let's pray together as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever.
Amen.**

THANK-YOU!

Give thanks to God for his presence & activity in our lives.

Sing the Doxology.

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost¹. Amen.**

FOOD & DRINK

Let's gather our hearts to receive the bread and wine.

**Loving God, meet us in these moments,
working your mysterious change in our lives,
that we may walk away from this table
different people than the ones who came.
Make us one with you and one with each other,
united as we serve the world;
through Jesus our Lord.
Amen.**

Take up the loaf and break it.

At his last meal with his friends before he died,
Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and then shared it saying,
"This is my body broken; eat it and remember me."
Jesus' body was broken for us;
we as Jesus' body are invited to be broken with him for the world.

Take up the cup and raise it.

After they had eaten, he took wine, blessed it and shared it saying,
"This is my blood shed; drink it and remember Me."
Jesus' blood was poured out for us;
we are invited to pour out our lives with him for the world.

We come to this table as we are,
and as we eat and drink together we receive with thanksgiving
the gift of Jesus' presence here with us,
and we remember with thanksgiving
the sacrifice of Jesus that makes us whole.

¹ "Ghost" is an old English word for spirit. God is not a ghost, but "Spirit" doesn't rhyme with "hosts."

At this table we recognize Jesus here with us.

We meet Jesus in one another.

We meet Jesus in our neighbours.

We meet Jesus in strangers. Amen.

Receive the bread and cup.

LET'S GO!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Touched by your grace,

we take your grace to the world.

Healed by your love,

we take your love to the world.

Renewed by your Spirit,

we go in the Spirit's power as agents of healing in the world.

God only wise, You delight to make your people out of food; and the food out of which you make us is your body and blood. As we have become your body in the eating of food, bless those with whom we share food this week, and bless those with whom we share you and in whom we meet you; that in being made your body, we may become food for your world, and through the change they see in us, all may come to praise the glories of your name.²

² Sam Wells, quoted in Norman Wirzba, *Food & Faith: A Theology of Eating*, 194.