

Easter Holy Communion Liturgy (*Methodist Worship Book* pages 168-172)

The Preparation of the Gifts

Here is bread, God's good gift.

It will become for us the bread of life.

Here is wine, God's good gift.

It will become for us the cup of salvation.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessing and honour, glory and power,
are rightly yours, all-gracious God.

By your creative word
you brought the world to birth;
in your generous love
you made the human family,
that we might see your glory
and live forever in your presence.

**Blessing and honour, glory and power,
are rightly yours, all-gracious God.**

When we wandered from you in our sin
you sought us with your steadfast love
and did not give us up.

In the fullness of time you sent your Son
to be our Saviour and Deliverer.
Made of flesh and blood, he lived our life
and died our death upon the cross.
Death could not hold him
and now he reigns at your right hand.

**Blessing and honour, glory and power,
are rightly yours, all-gracious God.**

Therefore with angels and archangels
and all the company of heaven
we bless and praise your glorious name, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed indeed is the Lord Jesus Christ
who, at supper with his friends,

took bread and gave you thanks,
broke it, gave it to them and said:
'Take this, all of you, and eat it.
This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

When supper was ended,
he took the cup and gave you thanks,
gave it to them, and said:
'Drink from it all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for everyone,
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

**Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Therefore, Father,
we celebrate this Passover of gladness;
for as in Adam all die,
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.
Accept, through him, our great high priest,
this, our sacrifice of praise.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us the body and the blood of Christ.
Gather us, who share this feast,
into the kingdom of your glory
that with all your people in every time and place
we may praise and worship you for ever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
**by whom and with whom
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
heavenly Father, now and always. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

*We meet the risen Christ in the breaking of the
bread. Draw near with faith.*

Prayer after Communion

God of our salvation,
we thank you for our communion with the
risen Christ and with all who love him in earth
and heaven.
We pray that, strengthened by his grace, we
may serve you faithfully all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.