

## **INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

All are welcome here!

## **GREAT 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.**

Please pray with me.

Holy God, we are grateful to know that you are near to us in so many ways....

...So with the saints before us and beside us and with the angels above us, we join our voices together,

**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!**

...Until then, until the day when joy overpowers weariness, until the day when there is room for all at every table, until your promised day, we will continue to pray as your son taught us to pray, saying:

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but**

**deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

*Those who are able may come down the center aisle to be served. As you take each element, you may consume it. If you prefer to remain seated, please raise your hand and the elements will be brought to you.*

*The bread is gluten-free, dairy-free and soy-free, and the cup contains grape juice.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God of angel choruses and teenage mothers,  
there are always a million other places we could be,  
but today we are here. Today, we needed to be here,  
online and in person, worshiping together this Advent  
season.

For when we gather around this Table, we remember  
the ways that you always make room for us.

You are always pulling up chairs, welcoming the  
children, the tax collectors, and the outcast.

At your dinner party, no one gets turned away.

Help us to carry that inclusive spirit into the rest of  
our lives, for we know that love like that is what turns  
weariness into joy. With grateful hearts we pray, amen.