

In Celebration of the Harvest

A Liturgy for Communion at Harvest



**“I am the vine, you are the branches.
Those who abide in me and I in them bear
much fruit, because apart from me you
can do nothing.”**

John 15:5, NRSV

The Offerings of the People

The offerings of the people are presented

**All: Life-giving God,
creator, maker and sustainer,
From grain, we bring bread,
From grapes, we bring wine.
From the land we bring produce for our sustenance.
From your people,
we bring gifts and lives for your kingdom.
May all be transformed through your Holy Spirit.
Amen**

The Peace

Presider: We are the fruit of the vine, the body of Christ,

**All: As one, we are nurtured
As one we are baptized into the body.
In oneness and in unity,
We affirm God’s peace.**

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

We greet each other with a sign of peace

Presider: The Lord of the harvest is here!

All: His Spirit is with us.

Presider: Lift up joyful hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: With thanksgiving we praise our creator.

All: We praise and magnify the Lord.

Presider: Living God,
Designer of all that is laid before us,
Sustainer of life,
Maker of beauty.
We declare your goodness, your generosity, your love.
You created us,
formed us in your own image,
came to us as the true vine.
In Christ you shared our humanity,
You experienced earth in its bounty.
Through life, word and deed,
Christ proclaimed the kingdom.

Through Christ you send your Spirit,
teaching us and reminding us of Christ,
and calling us into communion with you.

And so, in celebration of the harvest,
In memory of Christ,
In union with the Spirit,
We triumphantly declare:

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the Highest.**

Presider: It was festival night, the feast of Passover.
Remembering how Yahweh delivered Israel.
Delivered them from the oppression of Egypt,
The yoke of slavery.

That Passover night, gathered with friends,
Jesus took bread.
Made from grain, grown by human hands.
Grain, ground and turned into bread, by human hands.
And Jesus said 'take, eat,
and remember me, for this is my body.'
And he shared the bread, with human hands, Jesus' hands.

Then, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Wine, made from grapes, grown by human hands.
Crushed, and turned into wine, by human hands.
And Jesus said 'take, drink,
and remember me, for this is my blood'
And he shared the wine, with human hands, Jesus' hands.

And so, since that Passover night,
Christians have gathered with bread and wine,
Made by human hands,
Yet reminding us of so much more,
Of Christ, human and divine,
Who lived, died and rose again.
So, may these simple gifts of bread and wine,
Transformed by the Spirit of life,
be to us the body and blood of Christ.

Send down your Spirit,
that we may be united with Christ,
with each other,
and with the whole of creation forever.

All: **Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,**
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 We worship you in songs of everlasting praise.
 Blessing, honour, glory and power
 be yours for ever and ever.
 Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Presider: One bread, broken for us.
 As one body, we share in the body of Christ.

All: **Though we are many, we are one body,**
 Because we all share in one bread.

Bread and wine are shared



After Communion

Presider: Unifier,
 We have gathered together at your table,
 Life-giver,
 We have feasted on bread, we have drunk wine,
 Sustainer,
 In our living, may we know ourselves strengthened in Christ
 and nourished by your Spirit.

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