

St. Clare's Mountain Mission in Brevard, NC
Rite 1 - First Sunday of Each Month

The Holy Communion**

Presider: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to our God.

P: Let us give thanks to our loving God!

All: It is right to give thanks and praise!

P: Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, wind, waters, and every living creature.

Reader 1: You made us in your image and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

Reader 2: And so we join with all those who have sung your praises and lived in your light, O God, as we lift our voices in the chorus that rings through eternity:

All: Holy, holy, holy

God of tenderness and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are those who come in the name of our God!

Hosanna in the highest!

P: Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living Spirit. To deliver us from the power of evil, and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon our sister Mary, that she might conceive and bear Jesus, our brother, a holy child of God.

Reader 1: Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw the whole world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. And so it was that Jesus was nailed to a cross by those who feared both him and you.

Reader 2: On the night before he died, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

All: As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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P: Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering our brother Jesus, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrament. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Reader 1: Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

Reader 2: In the fullness of time, bring us from every tribe and language, every people and nation, every culture and religion, every way of being and every species, to feast at the banquet you have prepared for us from the beginning of the world.

All: Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory and praise, for ever and ever. Amen.

P: And now, in the Spirit of Christ, we pray:

All: Our Father, our Mother, you are in heaven,

Holy is your name. Your justice come

Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today the bread we need

And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil,

For the goodness, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

P: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ, which is the Bread of Life.

All: We, being many, are one Body, for we all share in the one Bread.

Wine is in the chalice. Grape juice is in the goblet.

People are invited to feed one another, either silently or with words of their choosing.

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray.

All: Gracious and loving God, you have made us one in the Body of Christ, and nourished us at your table with holy food and drink. Now send us forth to be your people in the world. Grant us strength to persevere in resisting evil and courage to proclaim your love, justice, and compassion throughout all of life. We pray to you, remembering Jesus. Amen.

** This rite of Holy Communion is an adaptation of Eucharistic Prayer 1 from the Episcopal Church's book of liturgies, Enriching Our Worship. It was created for use at St. Clare's Episcopal Mission in Brevard, NC. The Lord's Prayer is an interpretation authored by Carter Heyward in 1980. In agreement with the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina, this rite is used on the first Sunday of each month.