

St. Clare's Episcopal Mission in Brevard, NC
Rite 2 -- Second 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 up to God.

P: Let us give thanks to God our Creator

All: It is right to offer thanks and praise.

P: Eternal God, source of all being, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love. You call us to friendship with you and one another to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world.

Reader 1: When those we trust betray us, you remain with us. When we injure others, you confront us in your love and call us to the paths of contrition and forgiveness. You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone, whom you have always welcomed home, making the first last, and the last first.

P: Therefore we raise our voices with angels and archangels, forever praising you and singing:

All: Holy, holy, holy

God of compassionate power

Heaven and earth are full of you!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God!

Hosanna in the highest!

Reader 2: Blessed are you, O Holy One: when Hagar was driven into the wilderness, you followed her and gave her hope. When Joseph was sold into slavery, you turned malice to your people's good. When you called Israel out of slavery, you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land. When your people were taken into exile, you sat down and wept with them by the river of Babylon and you carried them home.

All: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

P: At the right time, you sent Jesus to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. He touched lepers and the sick and healed them. He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life. He knew the desolation of the cross and yet through his life he bore witness to the power of your reconciling love.

Reader 1: On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said,

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All: "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Reader 2: After supper he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,

All: "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

P: Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come. Therefore, we proclaim our hope,

All: Dying, you transformed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Holy brother, sacred sister, stand with us now!

P: Pour out your Spirit on these gifts, O God, that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your justice.

Reader 1: We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering and oppression.

Reader 2: When we are broken or cast aside, embrace us in your love.

All: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

P: Through Christ who comes in many forms with many faces, and in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, O Source of all life, now and forever.

All: 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 Bread of Life, which is the Body of Christ.

All: We who are many are one Body, for we all share in the Bread of Life

Wine is in the chalice; grape juice in the goblet.

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

P: Let us pray.

All: God of abundance, you have fed us with the Bread of Life and Cup of Compassion. You have united us with one another and with all peoples and creatures in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that our lives may give birth to your love in the world and that we may continue to make our home in your life. Amen.

**The Communion Prayer is an adaptation of Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2 from Supplementary Liturgical Material from the Anglican Church of Canada. The interpretation of the Lord's Prayer was 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 second Sunday of each month.