

Holy and blessed God, you have created all things and made us in your own image. When we had fallen into sin, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption and to offer a perfect sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

On the night in which he was betrayed he took the bread; and when he had given you thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

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

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup, we remember his passion and death, we celebrate his resurrection and ascension, and we look for the coming of his kingdom. Accept through him this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Grant that by the power of your life-giving Spirit, we who share in the body and blood of Christ may be united with all your people on earth and in heaven; through the same Christ our Lord,

**by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**May 21, 2023**

**Psalm 47**

- <sup>1</sup> Clap your hands, all you peoples;  
**shout to God with loud songs of joy.**
- <sup>2</sup> For the LORD, the Most High is to be feared,  
**a great Ruler over all the earth.**
- <sup>3</sup> who subdued peoples under us  
and nations under our feet.
- <sup>4</sup> **who chose our heritage for us,  
the pride of Jacob whom God loves.**
- <sup>5</sup> God has gone up with a shout,  
**the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**
- <sup>6</sup> Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
**sing praises to our Ruler, sing praises.**
- <sup>7</sup> For God is the Ruler of all the earth;  
**sing praises with a psalm.**
- <sup>8</sup> God reigns over the nations;  
**God sits on his holy throne.**
- <sup>9</sup> The princes of the peoples gather  
as the people of the God of Abraham.  
**For the shields of the earth belong to God;  
who is highly exalted.**

## Acts 1: 1-11

**1** The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, **2** until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, **3** to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. **4** And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; **5** for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” **6** Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” **7** And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. **8** But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. **9** Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. **10** And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, **11** who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.”

## The Great Thanksgiving for Aldersgate Sunday

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

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.**

Holy and ever living God, it is right always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord, because in this and every generation you send forth upon the whole Church your holy and life-giving Spirit that the gospel might be proclaimed in all the world.

Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all your people on earth and in heaven, we proclaim your glory, forever praising you and 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**