

Updates

Monday, November 4, 2024 Monday Methodists 9am Knitting Circle 10am Church Council 12noon

Thursday, November 7, 2024
Pastor's Office Hour 10 pm-12noon

Monday, November 25, 2024
Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service 7:30pm
At St. Mary's of the Assumption
(14908 Main St, Upper Marlboro, MD
20772)

GREETING

Come, let us praise the Lord!

Let us shout our songs of thanksgiving to Almighty God!

For God has done wonderful things for us.

God's love and blessings have been showered upon us.

Come, let us praise the Lord!

Let us sing songs of great joy to God. AMEN.





Lord, we gather here this day in praise and thanksgiving for all the wonderful things you have done for us.

Help us to be faithful disciples in all that we think, do and say, that your great love may be revealed and offer healing to all people. AMEN.



Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Words: Rick Founds (1 Cor. 15:3-4)

Music: Rick Founds

Tune: LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH

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Lord, I lift Your name on high Lord, I love to sing Your praises I'm so glad You're in my life I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth to show the way
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky
Lord, I lift Your name on high

Refrain (2x)

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"



PRAYERS FOR ELECTION SEASON 2



A prayer for the ability to see things from others' perspectives

Gracious and merciful Jesus, you spent time with those you knew would betray you, along with prostitutes, tax collectors, and others who were outcasts. We come before you, asking for the ability to hear and consider the perspectives of those with whom we disagree. Root us in your Word and cultivate in us the ability to compassionately and clearly articulate our convictions.

A prayer for the ability to see things from others' perspectives

Remove from us the need to prove our points and defend ourselves, and instead fill us with your overflowing grace. Enable us to look with tenderness upon the entire human family through your eyes, O Jesus.



A prayer for those who are marginalized around us

Christ Incarnate, we uplift those who are marginalized in our nation: the widow, the orphan, the immigrant, the unhoused, racial and ethnic minorities, and those who do not find protection in the laws of this land. You came to proclaim good news to the poor, to restore the sight of the blind, and to set the oppressed free. May those on the margins of our society have a deep and true sense of your love for them.

A prayer for those who are marginalized around us

Protect the least, the lost, and the lonely, we pray, as a mother hen protects her chicks. Grant us the ability to love our neighbor and to exercise our right to vote with the interests of the least of these in mind—for we know that what we do for the least among us, we do also for you. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

A prayer for when we feel anxious about the future

God of Shalom, you say, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28). Today we bring to you our burdens, our uncertainties, and our anxieties. When we cannot sleep, when our minds won't slow down, on the days when our palms are sweaty and our hearts race when our imaginations get the best of us and we are full of despondency and anxiety about the futurecalm our hearts, O Lord.

A prayer for when we feel anxious about the future

In you alone, our souls find rest. In this chaotic world, we lay all our burdens at your feet, and we find safety and protection in your kingdom. In Jesus' name.



A prayer for unity with our neighbors who vote differently than us

O Father, you who hear all our prayers, sanctify us for your good purposes, we pray. Show us how to love our neighbor as ourselves, even those who disagree with us, as you have commanded us. May we be leery of any unity that is used to manipulate and silence others, especially the least of these.

A prayer for unity with our neighbors who vote differently than us

When we find ourselves tempted to dismiss others' thoughts and experiences, create in us the ability to seek understanding rather than to pronounce judgement, as well as the ability to see the humanity in others. Manifest in us the ability to think beyond our own political interests and to consider the interests of those who are different from us. We ask all these things in the powerful name of Jesus.

A prayer for the act of voting and the election outcome

Almighty God, prepare our hearts and minds as we head toward voting. We express gratitude for the right to vote, and we lament the brokenness of our democracy and voting system—a system that continues to suffer from inequity. Empower us, O Lord, to make decisions rooted in the ways of Jesus rather than the ways of the world.

A prayer for the act of voting and the election outcome

Give us wisdom and discernment as we cast our votes with a humble spirit, and let our voting be an act of prayer. May we be reminded that the candidates we vote for are not our savior, but you are the bringer of the heavenly kingdom, and our ultimate hope rests in you. We commend this nation to your care, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses As we forgive those who trespass against us And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

UMH 359

Words: Isaac Watts, 1707; refrain by Ralph E. Hudson, 1885

Music: Anon.; arr. by Ralph E. Hudson, ca. 1885

Tune: HUDSON

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Played by Chiara Griffith

Alas! And did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die? Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?

Was it for crimes that I have done, he groaned upon the tree? Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut his glories in, when God, the mighty maker, died for his own creature's sin.

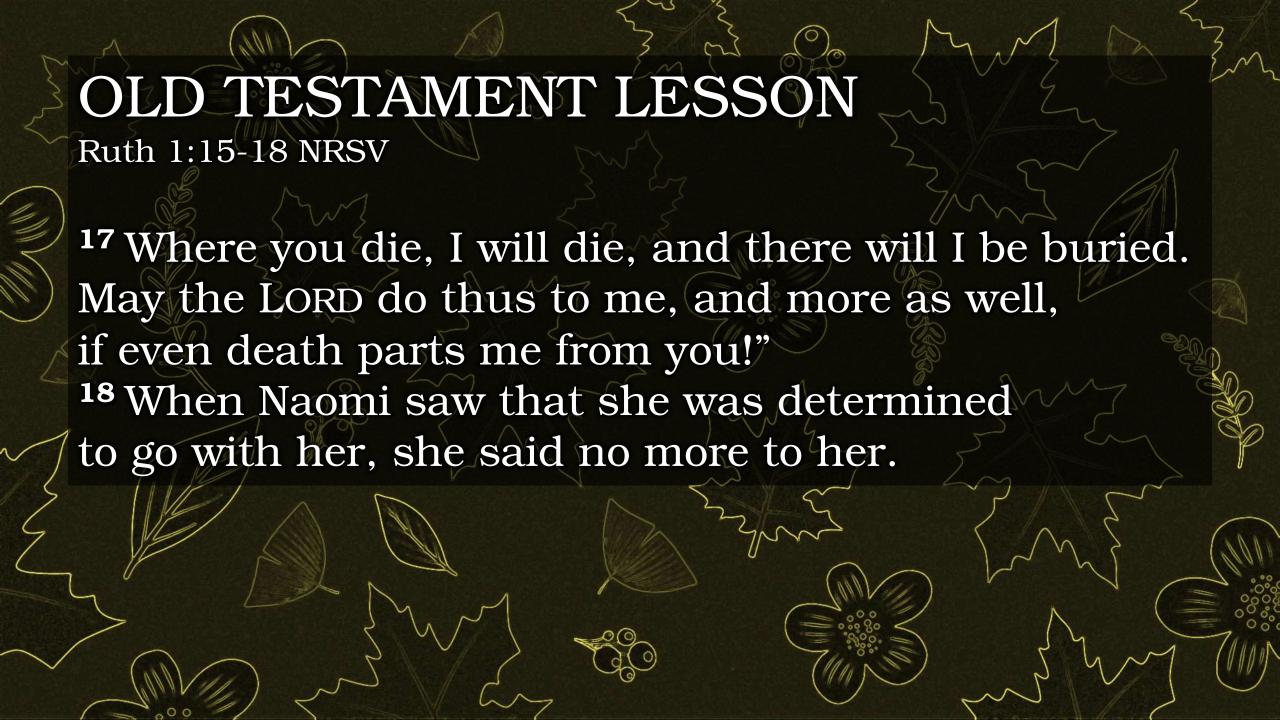
Thus might I hide my blushing face while his dear cross appears; dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt mine eyes to tears.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe. Here, Lord, I give myself away; 'tis all that I can do.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ruth 1:15-18 NRSV

15 So she said, "Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." 16 But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you, to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people and your God my God.



NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

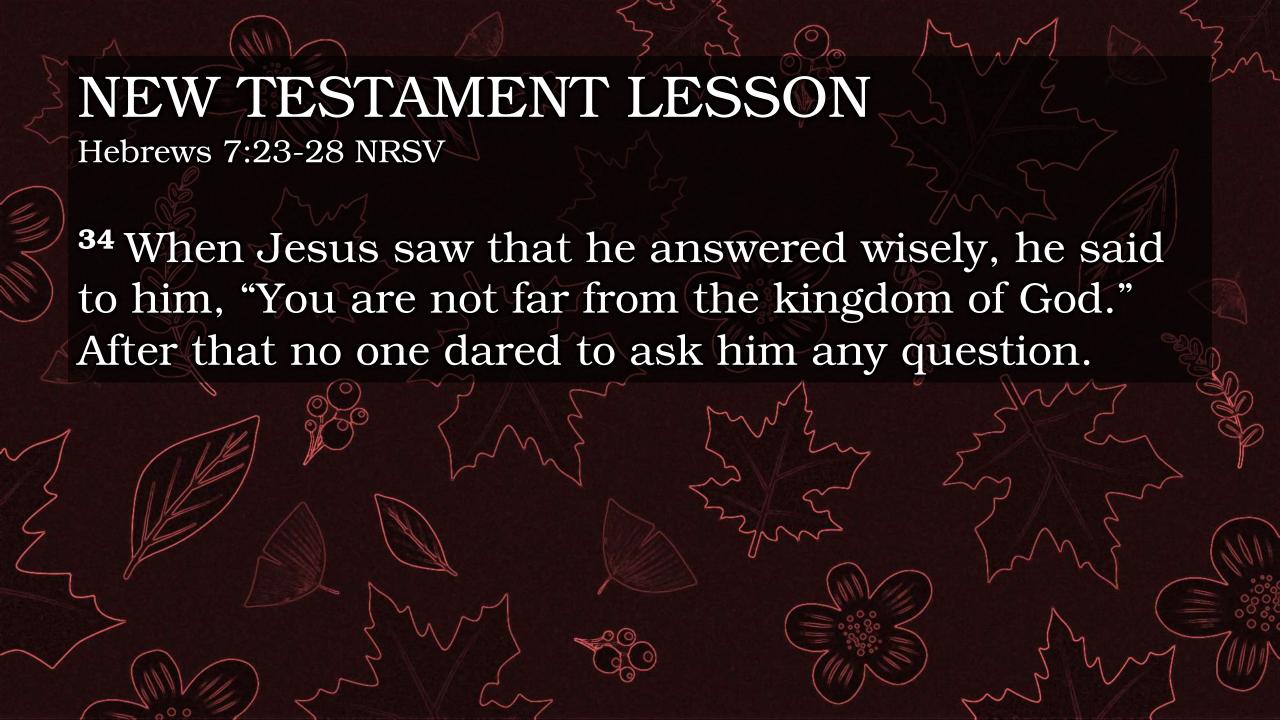
Hebrews 7:23-28 NRSV

²⁸ One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" ²⁹ Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰ you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Hebrews 7:23-28 NRSV

³¹ The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." 32 Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; 33 and 'to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."





OFFERTORY "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Music: George J. Elvey, 1858

Tune: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

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DOXOLOGY

UMH 95. Words: Thomas Ken, 1674. Music: attr. to Louis Bourgeois. Tune: OLD 100th

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER



CELEBRATION OF OUR LORD'S SUPPER

† Invitation

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.

† Confess and Pardon

Hear the good news:

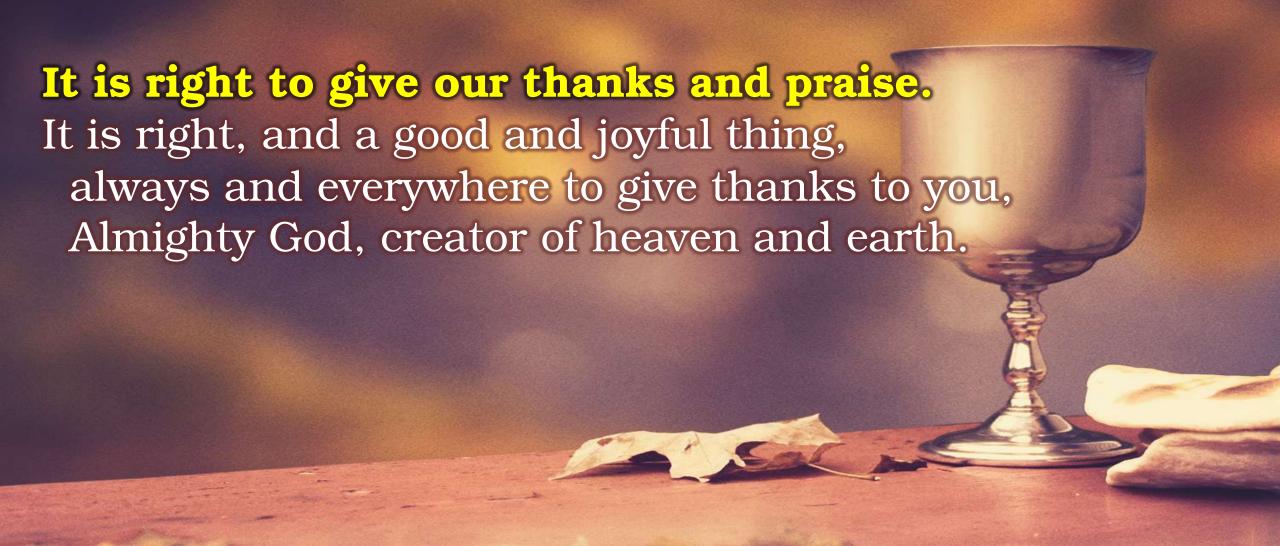
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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

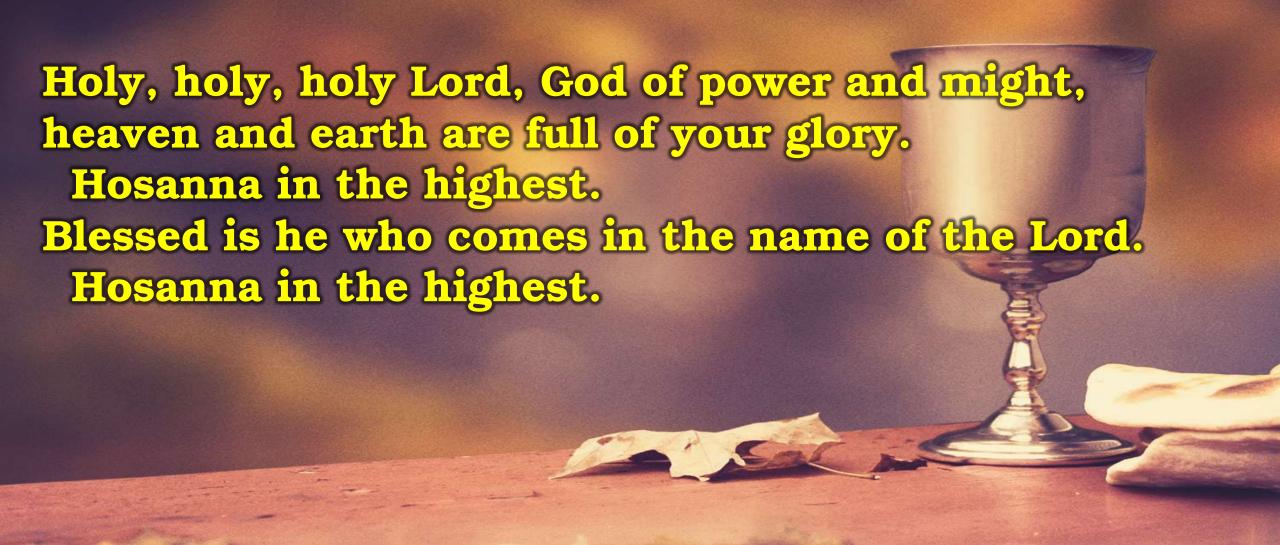




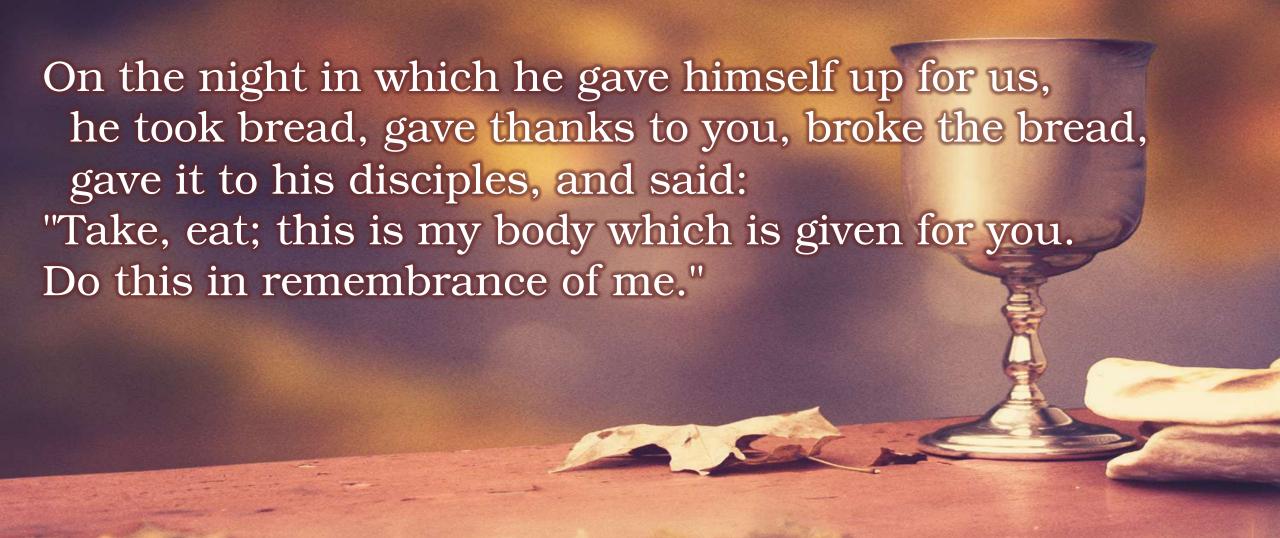


God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Miriam and Moses, God of Joshua and Deborah, God of Ruth and David, God of the priests and the prophets, God of Mary and Joseph, God of the apostles and the martyrs, God of our mothers and our fathers, God of our children to all generations.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.



When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come ag

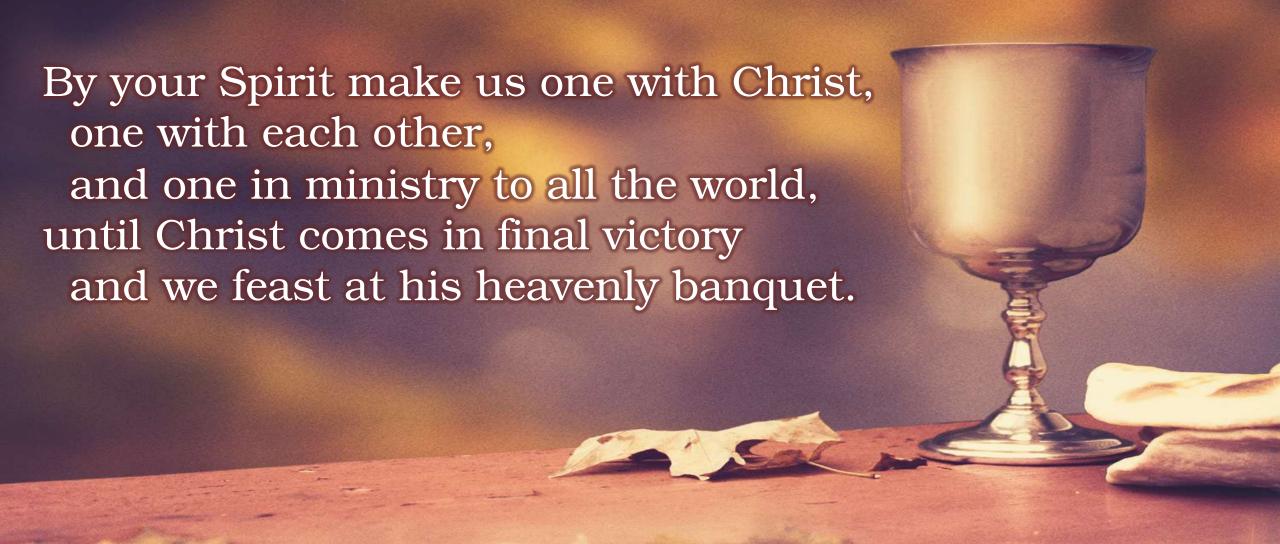
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

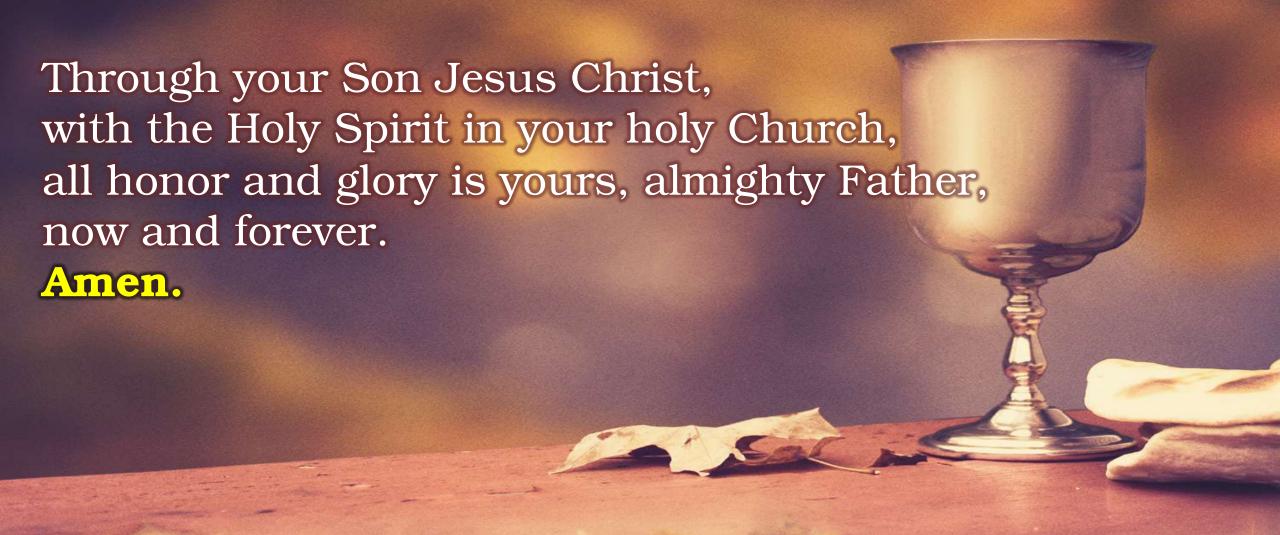
Renew our communion with all your saints, especially those whom we name before you—

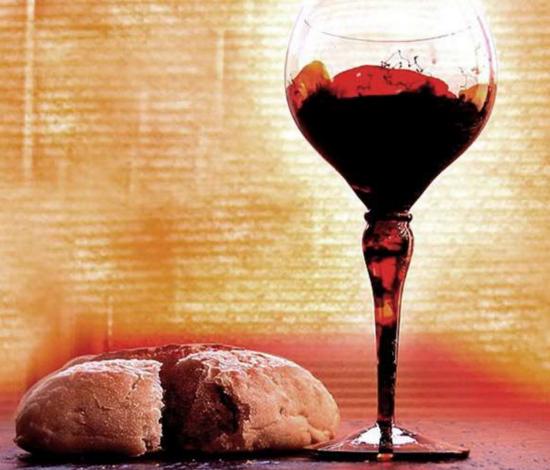
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— in our hearts.

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith.







THE BODY. THE BLOOD.

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

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Words: Prayer of St. Francis; adapt. By Sebastian Temple (Matt. 6:12-15)

Music: Sebastian Temple

Tune: CHANNEL OF PEACE

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Make me a channel of your peace: where there is hatred, let me bring your love; where there is injury, your healing power, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace: where there's despair in life let me bring hope; where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O, Spirit, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul. Make me a channel of your peace: it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving to all that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

