

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Hymn

Come, Risen Lord

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The Invitation and Story

Our Common Confession

Gracious and loving God, you invite us to the table, yet we resist your grace. It is sometimes easier to eat by ourselves than to share fully in the blessing of our community meal. You invite others to the table as well – sometimes people whom we do not see as worthy, and sometimes people who make us feel unworthy ourselves. We put up barriers in places where you long to create circles of love and faith. Help us to trust you and each other. We pray in the amazing grace of Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon and Grace

The Words of our Tradition and the Prayer of Consecration

Presenting and Sharing the Elements

Communion Music

From “Our Town”

A. Copland

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Amazing God, thank you for your presence in this place; thank you for giving us a glimpse of your kingdom in this meal. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us into the world to be your joyful and hopeful community on earth, sharing and experiencing your way of love, justice, compassion and hope. Amen!

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