

A Collection of Scripts and Prayers for Communion @ CiB



Introductions to Communion:

"This is a time of true communion, a point of contact with God and with one another. We gather as invited guests, together at the table of love, at the table of gifts, at the table of remembrance."

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"We are now invited to the table of Communion, a time of special connection to God and one another. We gather as guests of honor, together at the table of love, at the table of gifts, at the table of remembrance."

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"We are now invited to the table of Communion, gathering as the followers of Christ have gathered from the very beginning of our faith; we come to share the feast.

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"Our feast is spiritual food that enlivens our souls. It is not the kind of feast that stuffs the body and only gratifies the flesh, but one that merges flesh with spirit, the tangible and the intangible, and satisfies us with the presence and wholeness of Christ."

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"For more than two millennia Christians have gathered together and shared the bread and the cup. We have done this on each continent and in each generation.

And we continue this table tradition here at Church in Bethesda. It reminds us of a Savior who invites us to come and be a part of God's family, it places us at a table of shared love and grace, and it proclaims that our Christ has died, was buried and is risen again.

This table is an anchor for our community here today, and for our community of faith all around the world."

Prayers of Confession:

"Savior God,
We have not lived up to your expectations, and we are sorry for that. And as we approach your table, with open hearts and needy souls, we want you to know our love for you and our sorrow for our failures. With humility and with joy we come to revel in your gifts and graces. Undeserving, but still called and expected, we come to your table of grace. We pray with gratitude through Christ. Amen."

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"Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen."

(from the Book of Common Prayer)

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"Our Good God...
We have not loved as you love.
We have not served as you serve.
We have not forgiven as you forgive.
But we come to this table to be further changed, to be further nurtured and further sustained. We come to the table with expectant souls, ready to receive again your gifts and graces. This is our prayer, through Christ. Amen."

An Invitation to the Table:

"The bread and cup bring us together, and here we share the love of God and the presence of Christ in tangible form. This is spiritual food for our souls, and this cup and this bread are God's gifts for all who would receive them. All are invited to come to the table."