



Holy Shepherd Zoom Communion Service

Thank you for joining us for this service of Holy Communion. All Zoom participants will be on mute during the service except for the Pastors. We ask that you have your communion elements ready at the beginning of the service (bread/crackers and wine/juice/water).

Prelude music will play as we gather, please take time to center your hearts and prepare your minds.

Intro and Welcome

Opening Prayer from Henri Nouwen

Lord Jesus,
Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.
We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day,
We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.
We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.
We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.
We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.
To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"
Amen.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:6-7

⁶ For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Word of God, Word of Life **Thanks be to God.**

Invitation to the Table

The Lord be with you, **and also with you**
Lift up your hearts, **we lift our hearts to the Lord**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God; **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
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 kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Christ is here. Emmanuel, God with us.
Come, eat and drink.

Communion

You will be invited to eat the bread with the words "The body of Christ, given for you," and to drink with the words "The blood of Christ shed for you." If you are participating in communion by yourself, you can serve yourself at the pastors' invitation. If there are members of your household with you, we invite you to serve one another.

Prayer After Communion

God of shepherds and kings, you gather us by the light of the star of promise.
You lead us not only to hope for the future,
but to trust in your presence and renewal of life in every time and place.
Guide us this day, by that same light.
Lead us to the mangers of this world,
where uncertainty is met with the renewal life
and the transformation of this world is most deeply felt in love, one with another.
Be with us on this most wondrous of seasons, we ask in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Blessing

May the God who comes from heaven above
be born in your hearts and lives this day and always.
Amen.

Sending

Go in peace. Christ is with us.
Thanks be to God.