DECEMBER 1, 2024 THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION LITURGY

(The congregation please respond with the **bold** type)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator, and ruler of the universe.

Lord God, Your glory is a consuming fire; who can stand in your presence? Yet You have prepared the way for us, with a messenger of grace.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

(sung by congregation)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power; God of 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 in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord.

Jesus is our way in the wilderness: at his word, every valley is lifted, and every mountain made low; by his sacrifice for our sin, he has given us peace.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving we offer

our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service. Great is the mystery of faith:

(sung by congregation) Christ has died, Christ is risen; Christ will come again. Christ has died, Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

PRAYER

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, so that the bread we break and the cup we bless may truly be for us the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Strengthen us in holiness, faithfulness, joy, and love, so that we may be ready at the coming of the Lord.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The blessing of the Bread and Cup with the words of Jesus.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Partake the bread and cup with the church together.

UNISON PRAYER

Gracious Jesus, complete the good work you began in us. Let our love for you and for one another overflow in abundance. Make us ready, on the day of redemption, to stand before you, our Savior and Lord. Amen.