

Eucharistic Prayer Summer - Time

Preface

Blessed are you, God of seasonal transformation.

Empowered by the energy of sunlight,

creation glows in the miracle of photo-synthesis.

Animals thrive, and plant life blossoms.

The green foliage embalms the weary soul,

and the sea waters refresh our inner being.

In the warmth of sunshine, every creature embraces

the ritual of play, and rejoices in the radiating

abundance of life.

With gratitude in our hearts,

we lift our voices to praise and thank our God,

for a creation so richly blessed and adorned: *Holy, Holy...*

God of the Summer-time,

bringing to maturity all that grows and flourishes,

we acclaim your creative energy in the empowering Spirit

who calls and sustains everything in being.

We rejoice in all that flowers and blooms,

in the scented aroma of garden and parkland,

in the canopy of foliage that covers the trees,
in the playfulness of animal, bird and human.

We cherish the freedom to dance and rejoice, as we behold
the Spirit's exuberant birthing in nature's unfolding.

First Invocation:

**That same Spirit endows our table with the luscious gifts
of creation, bread from the grain, wine from the grape,
symbols that evoke for us the empowering grace
of our loving and nurturing God.**

Invoking the memory of tradition:

We recall the night on which Jesus gathered
the disciples round the table of nourishing hope,
during which the bread is broken,
and along with the cup, is offered to all with these words:
Take this all of you, eat and drink;
This is my body which will be given up for you.

And likewise with the cup of libation, poured out in a spirit
of solidarity and prophetic hope.

Jesus offered the cup to the disciples and said:

Take this all of you and drink from it; This is the cup

of my life-blood, the cup of the new and everlasting covenant.
In prophetic solidarity it is poured out for you and for all.
Sustain one another in the power of sacred memory.

Eucharistic Acclamation

Mystery of faith

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Childhood memories inundate our experience of Summer,
the joy and freedom creation offers to all.

Reassured by what we hold gratefully in our hearts,
we look forward in hope, knowing that every promise
will be fulfilled, as you sustain us along the journey of life.

Second Invocation

**May we journey as one people on the pilgrim
route of life, blessed with the guidance and grace
of your empowering Spirit, who guides our footsteps,
illuminates our way, and enriches our lives with the
Abundant fruits of Summer-time.**

In Union with...

In the fellowship of our faith,

we cherish all that has nurtured and sustained us.

In loving gratitude, we hold in our hearts the living,

and all who have gone before us, the ancestors whose supportive memory still calls us to work for justice, love, and peace, as we seek to build together a world, where Summer abundance will be known to all God's creatures.

The Doxology.

In gratitude and hope we make this prayer, in the name of the one who is our Creator, Liberator, and Holy Spirit, blessing and empowering our every effort, this day and forever. Amen.