

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYERS

(**ITALIC print indicates the Invocation of the Holy Spirit, the central feature of a Eucharistic Prayer**).

1. EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: CALLING FORTH THE ADULT

Preface:

Gracious God, we gather to acclaim our thanks and praise.
 You have called us into birth and gifted our youthfulness.
 You have protected our growth and blessed our maturity.
 You have graced our transitions, amid the changes of life.
 And you have called us as a people of faith, to embrace
 our world with faith and new vision.
 With gratitude in our hearts we thank you for being our companion
 on the journey. And in union with all who lift their voices in joy,
 we, too, acclaim our song of praise: Holy, Holy, etc.

Gracious God, all creation celebrates your empowering presence.
 All your creatures hunger for the new life you promise.
 In Jesus, our friend and liberator, you reveal our humanity come of age,
 the evolutionary fulfilment of many aeons,
 the invitation to wholeness and the promise of new life.

First Invocation:

*In the power of the creative Spirit, Jesus lived life to the full.
 We, too, are blessed in the power of that same Spirit,
 which we now invoke upon all gathered here,
 to celebrate the transformative energy,
 symbolized in our gifts of bread and wine,
 given to nourish and sustain us into the fullness of life.*

Invoking the memory of the tradition:

While sharing a feast at table, Jesus took bread,
 blessed you, God of all good gifts.
 Jesus broke the bread, and along with the cup,
 shared it among friends and said:
 Take this all of you: eat and drink;
 this is my body which will be given up for you.

After the meal, Jesus took another cup,
 poured out in a spirit of solidarity and empowerment.
 Jesus gave thanks and handed the cup to those at table saying:
 Take this all of you and drink from it;
 this is the cup of my life-blood,
 the life of the new and everlasting covenant.
 In prophetic solidarity, it is poured out for you and for all.
 Sustain one another in sacred memory.

Eucharistic Acclamation

Nurtured by your Word, nourished by your food;
Called anew to be your people, we acclaim your praise.

As a Christian people we inherit a story of liberation and new life.
We remember the blessings of ages past, and we look forward in hope,
knowing that you, our wise and faithful God,
will continue to empower us in our earthly mission.

Second Invocation:

*As a people called to mature and adult faith, we invoke upon
all gathered here, the empowering Spirit of courage and wisdom,
so that we, too, are empowered to be agents of Gospel liberation.*

We unite in thought and prayer with all who are weighed down by oppression,
trapped in poverty, victimised by violence and exploitation.
We grieve for all who will never reach their full potential,
because of the greed perpetuated by unjust systems.

Bless us, O God of liberation, to work for the freedom of all,
to bring about a world where justice can reign and love can flourish.
In the fellowship of our faith, with all the living and those gone before us,
confirm our hearts in this resolve. May we never betray that fullness of life
to which you invite all your people.

Doxology:

This prayer we make in the name of our Creator God and liberating Spirit,
whom Jesus embodied as our primary model: in with and through whom
we offer our praise, this day and forever. Amen.

2. EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: NOURISH MY PEOPLE**Preface:**

God of life, you nurture and sustain your people.
You bless us with abundance; you gift us with your graciousness;
you know our every need.

In the birthing forth of creation you call us into being.
You gift us with healthy and wholeness; you sustain our every endeavour.
You feed your hungering people.

You call us to work for justice, to share our table with all creation,
to feed the needy at our door, to see nobody left in need.

For the blessing of your gifts, and the challenge of your call to us,

we lift our voices as we acclaim in song your gracious love: Holy, Holy, etc.

The table we share is adorned with the gifts of creation,
 gifts given for all to share in equality and justice, a table where all are
 welcome,
 and from which nobody is to be excluded, from the greatest even to the least.

As a Christian people we celebrate the open table,
 proclaimed by Jesus our liberator and our friend,
 a table of abundant life, inclusive love, and redemptive liberation.

First Invocation:

*In the power of the creative Spirit, Jesus lived life to the full.
 We, too, are blessed in the power of that same Spirit,
 which we now invoke upon all gathered here,
 to celebrate the transformative energy
 symbolized in our gifts of bread and wine,
 given to nourish and sustain us into the fullness of life.*

Invoking the memory of tradition:

While sharing a feast at table, Jesus took bread,
 blessed you, God of all good gifts.
 Jesus broke the bread and along with the cup,
 shared it among friends, and said:
 Take this all of you and eat and drink:
 this is my body which will be given up for you.

After the meal, Jesus took another cup,
 poured out in a spirit of solidarity and empowerment.
 Jesus gave thanks and shared the cup with his friends,
 saying: Take this all of you and drink from it; this is the cup of my life-blood,
 the life 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

Nurtured by your word, nourished by your food;
 Called anew to be your people, we acclaim your praise.

As we celebrate this Eucharistic feast, we call to mind that we are a people
 nourished throughout the ages; and we look forward in hope to that day
 when the justice of our God will guarantee food
 for all who hunger for the fullness of life.

Second Invocation:

*With grateful hearts we receive the gifts of this table.
 May the creative Spirit who energizes these gifts,
 activate in our hearts, too, a hunger for that justice
 that will guarantee sustenance for every human being.*

In the spirit of this celebration, we rejoice and thank our God for all we have received; but we do so in the painful awareness of all who are excluded from the table of God's abundant life.

Awaken in us, O God, a passion for equality and generosity of spirit, that all may be brought to the table of abundance, from which our God wants no one to be excluded.

Doxology:

This prayer we make in union with all God's people, living and dead, and particularly with those labouring for justice in our world.

May we all know the blessing of our loving God, Creator, Liberator, and Holy Spirit, in whose power we gather here, nourished and sustained, now and forever. Amen.

3. EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: *Wisdom*

Preface:

Wise and faithful God, you have birthed us in goodness, gifted us with life and cherished us in love.

In the heart of our being, your Spirit dwells; a Spirit of courage and vision, a Spirit of wisdom and truth.

In the power of that same Spirit, we lift our hearts in prayer, invoking anew the gift of wisdom and enlightenment, that we may continue to praise and thank you, in union with all who sing the ancient hymn of praise: Holy, Holy, etc.

Creator God, we see around us the work of your hands, the fruit of your wisdom and love. The unfolding story of creation witnesses unceasingly to your creative power. We, your creatures, often deviate from that wisdom, thus hindering your creative presence in our midst.

Sending among us Jesus, our Saviour, you birth afresh in our world the power of Sophia-Wisdom, and in the gift of the Spirit, your creative goodness blooms anew, amid the variety and wonder of life.

First Invocation:

That same Spirit we invoke upon the gifts of this Eucharistic table, bread of the grain & vine of the grape, that they may become the body and blood of Jesus – to nurture afresh in us the discerning gifts of wisdom, light and truth.

Invoking the memory of tradition:

Gathering the disciples around the table of shared wisdom,
 Jesus took bread; blessed you God of all good gifts, broke the bread
 and along with the cup handed to those seeking nourishment,
 with these words: Take this all of you, eat and drink:
 This is my body which will be given up for you.

After the meal, Jesus took another cup,
 poured out in a spirit of solidarity and empowerment.
 Jesus gave thanks and shared the cup with his friends,
 saying: Take this all of you and drink from it;
 this is the cup of my life-blood,
 the life 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

In faith and hope we are sustained, In grace and dignity reclaimed,
 In praise, we thank our God.

As we celebrate this sacred meal, we recall the wise and gracious
 gifts bestowed on us down through the ages; and we look forward
 in hope, knowing that you, our wise and faithful God,
 will continue to endow us with abundant blessings.

Second Invocation:

*In the power of this Eucharistic meal, bless us afresh
 with the gift of the Spirit, that our hearts may be open
 and receptive as you invite us into the fullness of life.*

In union with all peoples living and dead, we unite our thoughts
 and prayers, asking wisdom and courage:

- to discern more wisely your call to us in the circumstances
 of our daily lives; - to act justly and courageously in confronting the pain and
 suffering that desecrates the Earth and its peoples; - to take risks in being
 creative and proactive on behalf of the poor and marginalised; - and to love
 all people with generosity of heart,
 beyond the labels of race, creed and colour.

And may we ever be aware and alert to the new things the
 Spirit makes possible, as our world unfolds amid pain and beauty,
 into the fullness of life to which all are called,
 participating in the wise and wonderful work of co-creation.

Doxology:

In the wisdom of our triune God, Creator, Liberator, and Holy Spirit,
 we are blessed with the gifts of this Eucharistic table, and with all
 the good things bestowed upon our world, now and forever. Amen.