

Communion for Palm Sunday¹

(This is a service for those who want to share Communion in an online community during a time of quarantine // lockdown // shelter in place. This liturgy includes the theological premise that lay sharing in the preparation and words of consecration over a table blesses the elements received fully and completely. In other words, there is no need for a clergy person to handle them. This may be uncomfortable for some.)

Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation

*Pastor Gina: For Holy Communion this morning,
I invite you to lend Christ your table...*

*...Lend Christ your table, your bread, your cup and your heart,
for, as the disciples told the person who loaned the donkey,
“The Lord has need of it.”*

Prayer of Consecration

*Pastor Gina: We are one bread, one body, one cup of blessing.
Though we are many throughout the earth and this church
community is scattered, we are one in Christ. In your many
kitchens, and living rooms, rest your hands lightly upon these
elements which we set aside today to be a sacrament. Let us ask
God’s blessing upon them.*

**ALL: Gentle Redeemer, there is no lockdown on your
blessing and no quarantine on grace. Send your Spirit of
life and love, power and blessing upon every table where
your child shelters in place, that this Bread may be
broken and gathered in love and this Cup poured out to**

¹ Tirabassi, Maren C. “Communion for Palm Sunday”, <https://giftsinopenhands.wordpress.com/2020/03/26/communion-for-palm-sunday-april-5-2020/>

give hope to all. Risen Christ, live in us, that we may live in you. Breathe in us, that we may breathe in you.

Words of Remembering

Pastor Gina: We remember ... For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Sharing of the Elements

Pastor Gina: Let us in our many places receive the gift of God, the Bread of Heaven.

ALL: We are one in Christ in the bread we share.

Pastor Gina: Let us in our many places receive the gift of God, the Cup of Blessing.

ALL: We are one in Christ in the cup we share.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor Gina: Let us pray in thanksgiving for this meal of grace, ...as free as the Spirit in all places.

ALL:

Spirit of Christ, you have blessed our tables and our lives. May the eating of this Bread give us courage to speak faith and act love, not only in church sanctuaries, but in your precious world, and may the drinking of this Cup renew our hope even in the midst of pandemic. Wrap your hopeful presence around all whose bodies, spirits and hearts need healing, and let us become your compassion and safe refuge. Amen