

I long for these words to be prayed with the congregation's loud "Amen" confirming our celebration:

We pray you gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things I subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters, through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN!

I also recall the words from the Rite One Celebration: *And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee...that we may be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.* And I want to say, "Yes!"

Here is what to expect at the Outdoor Service:

- The Bishop's guidelines specify that the Altar Guild will prepare the wafers for Communion after properly sanitizing their hands and wearing masks and gloves.
- The clergy will sanitize their hands immediately prior to the prayer of consecration and keep their masks on during the prayer.
- Our hands will be again sanitized as we prepare to offer Communion in three stations in the church yard.
- It will be critical to follow the ushers' instructions in moving towards the Communion station, keeping six feet apart between family groups or individuals.
- Masks will be worn to receive.
- You will offer your cupped hands without touching the priest's hands nor the priest touching your hands. Should an accidental touch happen, then the priest will immediately sanitize their hands.
- Once you have received your blessed wafer of bread, please step aside, pull your mask up and consume the bread. Replace your mask and then return to your seat block.

We will celebrate and claim, whether we do so Spiritually or Sacramentally, that we are indeed one in Christ Jesus, and that God gives us life and sends us into the world in love and service. Thanks be to God!

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