

New Members and Baptism -

Membership:

Diana Stevers, Samantha & Ryan Kronemeyer

Baptism:

Jayce David Johnston Kronemeyer

Membership Rite:

To Congregation

Members of the household of God, I commend **Diana Stevers, Sammy & Ryan Kronemeyer** to your love and care.

Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

All: We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love.

**All: As members together with you
in the body of Christ and in this congregation
of the United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the
ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence,
our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything
God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

BAPTISM

for you have been born again

Jayce David Johnston Kronemeyer



Members of the household of faith: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Jayce Kronemeyer, now before you in your care?

People: With God's help, we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Jayce with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his service to others.

We will pray for him that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

Professing of the Christian Faith

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and those who receive it, to wash away their sin and clothe them in righteousness throughout their life, that, dying and being raised with Christ, they may share in his final victory.

People: All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever.

BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

Pastor: **Jayce David Johnston Kronemeyer**, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **People: AMEN.**

Pastor: The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **People: AMEN.**

Pastor: Now it is our joy to welcome our new brother in Christ.

People: Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus, with joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.

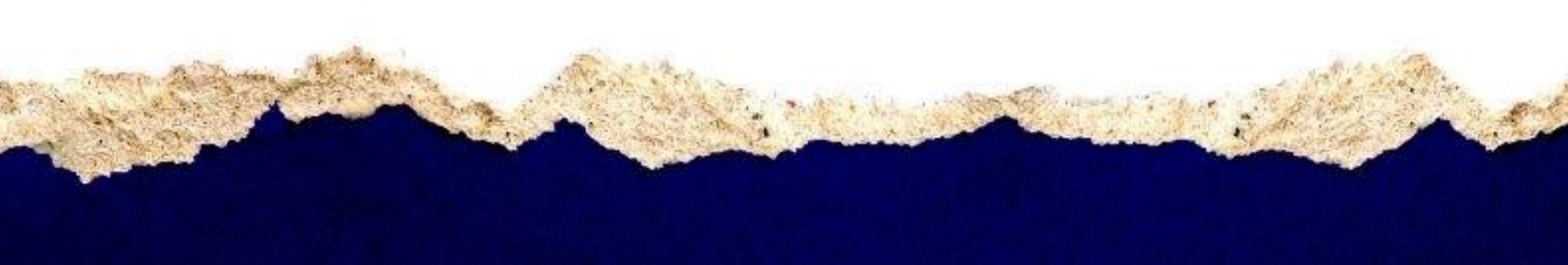


PEACE COMING SOON



**For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.**

Isaiah 9:6





⁷ His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 9:7



Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”

¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

Luke 2:10-13



**“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”**

Luke 2:14 (NRSV)

**“Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace, good will toward men” Luke 2:14 (KJV)**





1. Jesus is the Prince of Peace, the true source of peace.





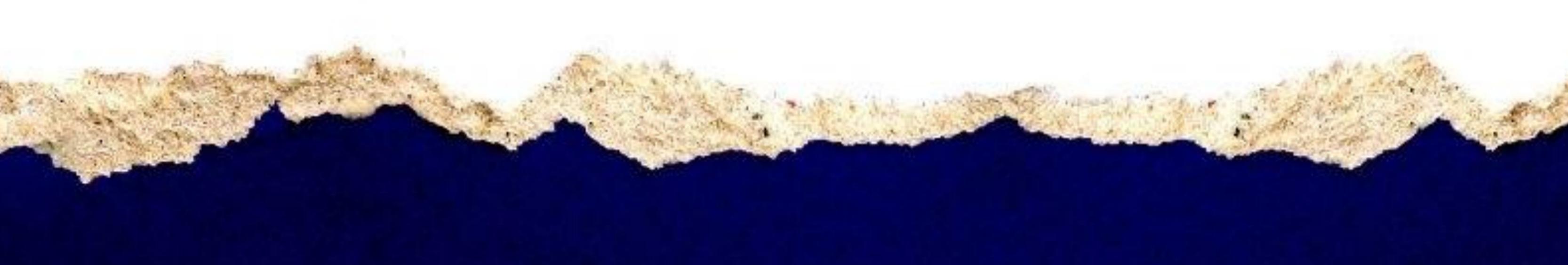
**Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
I do not give you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled and
do not let them be afraid.**

John 14:27





2. Peace means God with Us, Emmanuel!





If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

Romans 8:31-33





³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

Romans 8:34-35





³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39





Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

"Christmas Bells" (1863)

(I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day)



The Great Thanksgiving & Communion

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

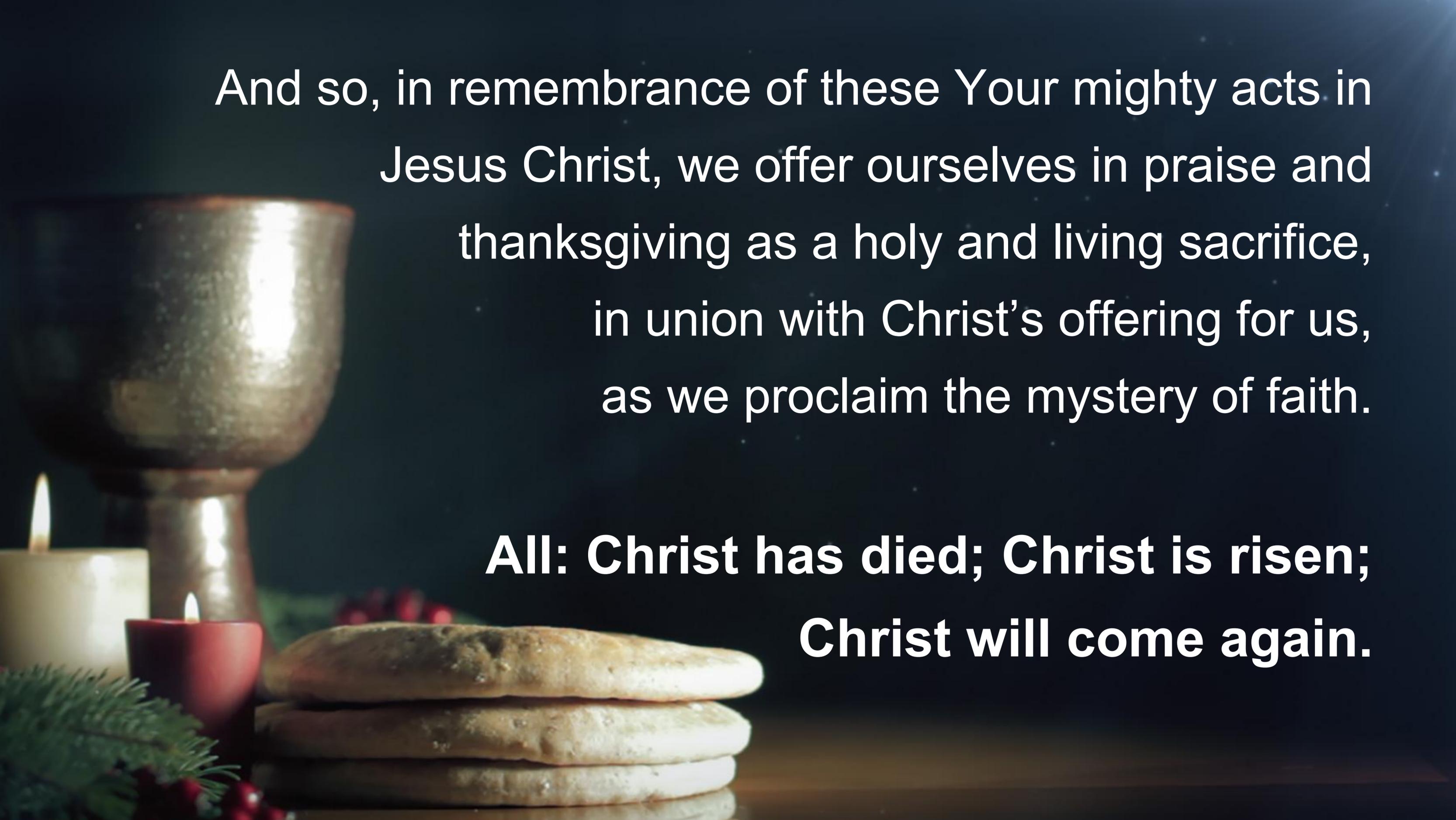


And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and 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.**



A still life arrangement of a chalice, candles, and bread. The chalice is a large, ornate golden cup on a stem, positioned on the left. In front of it are two lit candles: a tall white one and a shorter red one. To the right is a stack of four round, golden-brown breads. The background is dark with some greenery and red berries visible.

And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in
Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and
thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

Through Your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in
Your holy church, all honor and glory is Yours,
almighty Father, now and forever.

All: Amen



(After the giving of the bread and cup)

**All: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy
mystery in which you have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world in the
strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for
others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

