

Spiritual Communion Prayer
April 11, 2021

O God of all Creation ... Divine Presence from before time ... Living Spirit of Life beyond every dimension and within every space ... in You we live and have our being. Be with us this day as we gather in this sacred sanctuary, and as we connect with one another over great distance and in separate homes. We are in union-with You and each other as we remember Jesus in this Holy Communion, and celebrate the new life You have given us in this season of the Resurrection.

We give thanks for all that is a part of our lives, and for trusting us to see beyond the present and live in hope for a new life that exceeds our imagination. We give thanks for Jesus of Nazareth who lived a life that opened hearts and minds to experience a love that transformed the world.

In this Easter season of the Resurrection, empower us to live into a New Life that fills our world with a radical hospitality of respect for all Creation. As we proclaim and celebrate this Easter season, show us how this holy time connects Jesus with all of life, with transformation, and with life beyond our imagining. We give thanks and rejoice that Jesus so clearly and courageously linked our loving and our dying with living on in God.

As we take bread ... as Jesus took bread ... and as we remember ... as Jesus remembered the constant presence of the Spirit of Life and Love ... we break this bread and share it ... as Jesus broke bread and shared it. We share it as our pledge of openness to the sacred in our midst, and the acknowledgement of our own connectedness to the Spirit of Life.

As we take wine and drink ... as Jesus invited his friends to drink ... mindful of a relationship of love and trust between ourselves and the Spirit of Life ... we express our hope and faith and confidence that God's love is beyond the pain and darkness and death, and continues in ways that are greater than our imagination can envision.

Finally, we ask your blessing on each of us ... those present in this sacred space, and those who are distant yet surrounded by your holiness ... that with Your blessing we may be a blessing to those around us, bring healing to the brokenness of this world, and live in the joy of the Resurrection ... the New Life ... you have shown us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.