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People: And also with you.

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People: We lift them up to God.

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(Response in song, #792)

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All: We proclaim Christ’s death, we celebrate Christ’s resurrection, and in the beloved community of your church, O God, we await Christ’s coming again.

BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: The table of Jesus, our Lord, is open to all...

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come, for all things are ready.

The people may come forward to receive the bread and cup. Please hold the cup until all have been served so we might commune together when all have returned to their pews.

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(in unison)*

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