

Saint Luke's Lutheran Church
308 West 46 Street
New York, NY 10036

An Office of Prayer
with the
Distribution of Communion

Stand

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
HAVE MERCY AND HEAR US.

Heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

HYMN

FIRST LESSON

Alleluia. Your Word is a lamp to my feet.
AND A LIGHT TO MY PATH. ALLELUIA

SECOND LESSON

MEDITATION *A meditative reading may be offered, or the congregation may contemplate the lessons in silence.*

HYMN

PRAYERS *Respond:* Hear our prayer.

THE PEACE

Let us share with one another the peace which Christ bestows upon us all.
A greeting of peace is shared among the worshipers.

ADDRESS TO COMMUNICANTS

The assisting minister addresses the congregation:

When our congregation gathered for the celebration of Holy Communion on Sunday, we heard again the story of God's mighty acts and of the love shown us in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. With thanksgiving we remembered that "in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying" Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

We were given assurance of our Lord's presence through the gift of his Holy Spirit. Now in the service of prayer, we offer to you the same bread of life and the same cup of blessing that you may be strengthened through your participation in the body of Christ.

As we prepare for this gift, let us join together in the Lord's prayer:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
Now and forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

Saint Luke's confesses that the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the Sacrament and welcomes all baptized and communing Christians who would normally commune in their home churches to join us in receiving the Sacrament.

All who wish may come forward to receive the Sacrament. A moment of silence follows.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.
AMEN.

Let us bless the Lord.
THANKS BE TO GOD.

The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil and bring us to everlasting + life.
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