**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**May 4, 2025**

In the beginning, Breath poured forth, and goodness was born,
bringing light from darkness, life from chaos, birth from the Womb of Creation.

Circling round the fire, from the beginning of humanity, people gathered to tell their story and to give thanks, for the gifts of the Creator: promise of seed, hope of new life, wholeness of heart,
sacredness of all that lives and breathes. And all the creatures, in their own language, spoke their gratitude:

**The whole world is full of your goodness and mercy. We give thanks today, tomorrow, and always.**

In the fullness of time, goodness was once again born, and the world came to know our brother Jesus, born of woman, whole in heart and Spirit, dedicated to the way of God who invited all to the table of grace and continues to invite us now to this circle of healing and hope.

As he gathered his disciples in his time, we come now to remember and seek to become the body of Christ in our own time.

This bread, gift of earth, promise of seed, is prepared for all to share. Eat with thankful hearts and hope of life renewed.

This wine, gift of the Vine that connects us all, is offered with joy and celebration. Seed and fruit to feed our hunger and quench our thirst. These offerings bind us together in this eternal life-giving act.

Creator, Christ, Sacred Spirit, fill this meal and this circle with the gifts of life so we may be seed and fruit for one another and all creation, for the nourishment of all.

With all creation, we continue to say:

**The whole world is full of your goodness and mercy. We give thanks today, tomorrow, and always.**

As Jesus remained true to the goodness and mercy planted within him, even till death, may we live lives that help to feed the hunger
and quench the thirst of the world.

May we also offer ourselves, as Jesus did, as gifts of healing through our words of love and acts of praise.

O God, may we continue to welcome to the circle all who are in need and share in our awe and thanksgiving, saying:

**The world is full of your goodness and mercy. We give thanks today, tomorrow, and always.**

Let us pray together:

**Our Creator, who dwells in heaven and earth, sacred are all your names.**

**May your circle of mercy and care be present this day and your will for all creation bring us into your light, even as we are held by your great love throughout time.**

**Feed us today with the gifts of your goodness and bathe us in your mercy, as we offer acts of justice and love to all we meet.**

**Help us to turn from all that leads us from your way and save us from all that destroys life. For this creation is yours, full of awe and beauty and mystery, today, tomorrow, and always,
may it be so, Amen.**

The cup of life and new creation.
The body of Christ, eat, live, and believe.

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