

**Order of the Holy Communion  
Cantate 2021**

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**1. Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,**  
With exultation springing,  
And, with united heart and voice  
And holy rapture singing,  
Proclaim the wonders God hath done,  
How His right arm the victory won;  
Right dearly it hath cost Him.

2. Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay,  
Death brooded darkly o'er me,  
Sin was my torment night and day,  
In sin my mother bore me;  
Yea, deep and deeper still I fell,  
Life had become a living hell,  
So firmly sin possessed me.

3. My own good works availed me naught,  
No merit they attaining;  
Free will against God's judgment fought,  
Dead to all good remaining.  
My fears increased till sheer despair  
Left naught but death to be my share;  
The pangs of hell I suffered.

4. But God beheld my wretched state  
Before the world's foundation,  
And, mindful of His mercies great,  
He planned my soul's salvation.  
A father's heart He turned to me,  
Sought my redemption fervently:  
He gave His dearest Treasure.

5. He spoke to His beloved Son:  
'Tis time to have compassion.  
Then go, bright Jewel of My crown,  
And bring to man salvation;  
From sin and sorrow set him free,  
Slay bitter death for him that he  
May live with Thee forever. Amen.

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Ghost.  
**C: Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near  
with a true heart and confess our sins unto  
God, our Father, beseeching Him in the  
name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us  
forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.  
**C: Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions  
unto the Lord.  
**C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of  
my sin.**

**C: O Almighty God, merciful Father, I,  
a poor miserable sinner, confess unto  
Thee all my sins and iniquities with  
which I have ever offended Thee and  
justly deserved Thy temporal and  
eternal punishment. But I am heartily  
sorry for them and sincerely repent of  
them, and I pray Thee of Thy bound-  
less mercy and for the sake of the holy,  
innocent, bitter sufferings and death  
of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be**

**gracious and merciful to me, a poor,  
sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of  
my office, as a called and ordained servant of  
the Word, announce the grace of God unto  
all of you, and in the stead and by the com-  
mand of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you  
all your sins in the name of the Father and of  
the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

**C: Amen.**

*Introit (Pastor)*

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the  
Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in  
the beginning, is now, and ever shall  
be, world without end. Amen.**

**C: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ,  
have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy  
upon us.**

**Glory be to God on High: and on earth,  
peace, good will toward men. We  
praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-  
ship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give  
thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O  
Lord God, heavenly King, God the Fa-  
ther Almighty. O Lord, the only begot-  
ten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God,  
Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that  
takest away the sin of the world, have  
mercy upon us. Thou that takest away  
the sin of the world, receive our  
prayer. Thou that sittest at the right  
hand of God the Father, have mercy  
upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou  
only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost, art most high in  
the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with thy spirit.**

P: Let us pray: *Collect* is prayed...

**C: Amen.**

**Lesson: Isaiah 12.1-6**

1 And in that day thou shalt say, O  
LORD, I will praise thee: though thou wast  
angry with me, thine anger is turned away,  
and thou comfortedst me. 2 Behold, God is  
my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid:  
for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and  
my song; he also is become my salvation. 3  
Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of  
the wells of salvation. 4 And in that day shall  
ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his name,  
declare his doings among the people, make  
mention that his name is exalted. 5 Sing unto  
the LORD; for he hath done excellent things:  
this is known in all the earth. 6 Cry out and  
shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is  
the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

**Epistle: James 1:16-21**

16 Do not err, my beloved brethren. 17  
Every good gift and every perfect gift is from  
above, and cometh down from the Father of  
lights, with whom is no variableness, neither

shadow of turning. 18 Of his own will begat  
he us with the word of truth, that we should  
be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. 19  
Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every  
man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to  
wrath: 20 For the wrath of man worketh not  
the righteousness of God. 21 Wherefore lay  
apart all filthiness and superfluity of naugh-  
tiness, and receive with meekness the en-  
grafted word, which is able to save your  
souls.

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**Hallelujah. Hallelujah. The right  
hand of the Lord is exalted: the right  
hand of the Lord doeth valiantly Hal-  
lelujah. Christ, being raised from the  
dead, dieth no more: death hath no  
more dominion over Him. Hallelujah.**

**C: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

The Gospel is announced...

**C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

**Gospel: John 16:5-15**

5 But now I go my way to him that sent  
me; and none of you asketh me, Whither  
goest thou? 6 But because I have said these  
things unto you, sorrow hath filled your  
heart. 7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is  
expedient for you that I go away: for if I go  
not away, the Comforter will not come unto  
you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.  
8 And when he is come, he will reprove the  
world of sin, and of righteousness, and of  
judgment: 9 Of sin, because they believe not  
on me; 10 Of righteousness, because I go to  
my Father, and ye see me no more; 11 Of  
judgment, because the prince of this world is  
judged. 12 I have yet many things to say unto  
you, but ye cannot bear them now. 13 How-  
beit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he  
will guide you into all truth: for he shall not  
speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall  
hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew  
you things to come. 14 He shall glorify me:  
for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it  
unto you. 15 All things that the Father hath  
are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take  
of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C. Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**C: I believe in one God, the father  
almighty, Maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the  
only-begotten Son of God, begotten of  
His Father before all worlds, God of  
God, Light of Light, Very God of Very  
God, Begotten, not made, Being of one  
substance with the Father, By whom  
all things were made; Who for us men  
and for our salvation came down from  
heaven And was incarnate by the Holy  
Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was  
made man; And was crucified also for  
us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered**

and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

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6. This Son obeyed His Father's will,  
Was born of virgin mother,  
And God's good pleasure to fulfill,  
He came to be my Brother.  
No garb of pomp or power He wore,  
A servant's form, like mine, He bore,  
To lead the devil captive.

7. To me He spake: Hold fast to Me,  
I am thy Rock and Castle;  
Thy Ransom I Myself will be,  
For thee I strive and wrestle;  
For I am with thee, I am thine,  
And evermore thou shalt be Mine;  
The Foe shall not divide us.

8. The Foe shall shed My precious blood,  
Me of My life bereaving.  
All this I suffer for thy good;  
Be steadfast and believing.  
Life shall from death the victory win,  
My innocence shall bear thy sin;  
So art thou blest forever.

9. Now to My Father I depart,  
The Holy Spirit sending  
And, heavenly wisdom to impart,  
My help to thee extending.  
He shall in trouble comfort thee,  
Teach thee to know and follow Me,  
And in all truth shall guide thee.

10. What I have done and taught, teach thou,  
My ways forsake thou never;  
So shall My kingdom flourish now  
And God be praised forever.  
Take heed lest men with base alloy  
The heavenly treasure should destroy;  
This counsel I bequeath thee. Amen.

*Sermon*

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

*General Prayer*

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**1. O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,**

In thanksgiving bow before Thee.  
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish  
Our weak souls that they may flourish:  
O Lord, have mercy!  
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,  
That our sins and sorrows did carry,  
And Thy blood for us plead  
In all trial, fear, and need:  
O Lord, have mercy!

2. Thy holy body into death was given,  
Life to win for us in heaven.  
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;  
May this feast thereof remind us!  
O Lord, have mercy!  
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee  
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.  
All our debt Thou hast paid;  
Peace with God once more is made:  
O Lord, have mercy.

3. May God bestow on us His grace and favor  
To please Him with our behavior  
And live as brethren here in love and union  
Nor repent this blest Communion!  
O Lord, have mercy!  
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;  
Grant that heavenly-minded He make us;  
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see  
Days of peace and unity:  
O Lord, have mercy! Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.  
**C: And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.  
**C: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.  
**C: It is meet and right so to do.**

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God:

*The Proper Preface (Pastor)*

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory; Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Lord's Prayer (Pastor)*

**C: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

*The Words of Institution (Pastor)*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!  
**C: Amen.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

*The Distribution*

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a Light to lighten the gentiles, and the Glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.  
**C: And his mercy endureth forever.**

P: We give thanks to Thee, Almighty God, that Thou has refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech Thee that of Thy mercy thou wouldst strengthen us through the same in faith toward Thee and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.  
**C: Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you.  
**C: And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee. The Lord + lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.  
**C: Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.