The Lord's Supper

St. Georges Uniting Church, Eden

This Liturgy of the Lord's Supper will be used after 'The Service of the Word' and may be introduced by a song/hymn.

The following narrative from 1 Corinthians 11:23-28 is read while the people remain seated.

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said,

'This is my body that is for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.'

In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying,

'This cup is the new covenant in my blood.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,

you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

The people stand, and the minister continues:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord

Is is right to give him thanks and praise

(Service continues overleaf)

Holy God, we praise you. Let all the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad. We bless you for creating the whole world,

for the promises to your people Israel, and for the life we know in Jesus Christ your Son.

Born of Mary, he shared our life.
Eating with sinners, he welcomes us.
Leading his followers, he guides us.
Dying on the cross, he rescues us.
Risen from the dead, he gives new life.

And so we praise you with the faithful of every time and place, joining with choirs of angels and the whole creation with the eternal hymn:

> Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim his death and resurrection. Receive our sacrifice of praise. Send to us the Holy Spirit, that this meal may be holy and your people may become one. Unite us in faith, inspire us to love, encourage us with hope, that we may receive Christ as he comes to us in this holy banquet.

We praise you, almighty Father, through Christ your Son, in the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

(The people are invited to receive Communion as custom dictates.)

<u>The Communion</u> - the following words are said during distribution:

The Body/Blood of Christ, given for you. Amen

A prayer after Communion (Offered by the Service Leader)

The sending forth of the people of God - The service may conclude, as directed by the service leader, with a selection of the following: song/hymn, a brief Word of Mission, a Blessing and The Dismissal.