

October 4, 2020 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



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Communion Liturgy by Rev. Maren Tirabassi

Paraments offered by Nancy Eisenhauer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRELUDE: “**He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands**”

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

Respond with words in bold type.

The whole world is in God’s hands.

Everything that lives and breathes.

Everything that simply is. Everything.

From the farthest spaces, to the inmost places!

God is with us and we are with God. Alleluia!

As people of Christ, gathered at table, with our

brothers and sisters around the world, to remember

whose we are, we praise –

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

Shall we pray? With all that we have, with all that

we are, we worship you, God-of-all-Being.

Bless this day. Bless this time. Bless this gathering.

Bless this world, with your overflowing love.

Alleluia!

Alleluia! Amen! (Canada)

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

God of brilliant sunsets and shining rainbows,

God of golden daffodils and glowing autumn leaves,

God of all the blues of sunlit seas,

God of all the shades of green in bush and field,

In rivers and oceans and lakes, in rough stones on a

beach and polished jewels in a showcase,

God of people, brown and amber, pink and ebony,

Artistic and athletic, practical and visionary,
Compassionate and laughter-bringing,
God who colors us a world of variety,
We thank you that you have made each of us
unique, that you call us to contribute our special
colors to the life around us. We come to you in
thanksgiving and worship. Amen (New Zealand)
(Be seated)

INTRODUCTION: Covid has affected people around
the world. We will now hear from missionaries who
are experiencing such interruptions in their
ministries.

SPECIAL MUSIC: We will now hear a Christian
congregation in Aleppo, Syria, sing the Lord's Prayer
in Arabic.

MIDDLE EASTERN COMMUNION TRADITIONS:
A reflection by Ariel Royer 9/17/15

MESSAGE: **What Communion means to girls in
Durban, South Africa**

THANK YOU FOR SHARING:

DOXOLOGY: (music only)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done.
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

BREAD FROM AROUND THE WORLD:

HOLY COMMUNION: (ON SCREEN)

*UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

**We give you thanks O Lord, for all food that has
arrived at our table from your generosity. Bless the
people who have made it possible, from the
cultivation of the earth until it arrived to us. Give
bread to those who are hungry, and to those who
have bread, give us hunger for you. Amen.**

(Mexico, contributed from an orphanage in Colima)

BENEDICTION BENDICION
(Argentina)

POSTLUDE: **"Siyahamba"** (South Africa)
"We are Marching in the Light of God"