

## **A Eucharistic Prayer for Isolation**

The Lord *is with* you.

And also with you.

**Lift up your hearts, be they tired, lonely, anxious, fearful, or empty.**

We lift them to the Lord.

**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

It is right, *even now*, to give God thanks and praise.

**It is right, though little seems right in our world today, to give thanks to you Ever-present God, Sustainer of heaven and earth. For by the breath of your Spirit, you are nearer than our own breath, more immediate than our own sensations, more interior than our own thoughts. You are the cause of all light and life, and so we join our voices with all the heavenly hosts in this our hymn of praise:**

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

**Holy and gracious God, in your infinite love you made us for yourself. And our story has been one of repeated attempts at separation from you. But you are the one who led your people: Abraham, Hagar and Ishmael, Jacob, Moses, and all Israel, into the solitary wilderness of the desert. You sat with Elijah in the Negev and walked with him to Mount Horeb. You sent your only Son, Jesus Christ, to heal our separation**

**from you, and in doing so, he tread the lonely paths of the wilderness, of prayer, and of the cross and tomb. And we remember that he said to his disciples: “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”**

[A moment of silent prayer]

**Seeking, then, only and ever to be united to him, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:**

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

**We remember today, O God, your many acts of redemption—your provision of life for your creation—via the path of loneliness and isolation. Recalling especially the ministry, death, resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, we offer you ourselves and our lives, this morning. We confess that you are present in the Holy Sacrament, and we love you above all things, desiring never to be parted from you. And though we cannot receive you in the bread and cup, we ask that you draw near to our hearts, today. That you may lay before us the stale meal of our distance, and the bitter cup of our loneliness, and bid us eat and drink to your promise of new and unending life.**

Amen.

**And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:**

[*The Lord’s Prayer*]

**We thank you, O God, for these your gifts. May we embrace them as we embrace you: for the life of the world.**

*Amen.*