Communion Liturgy

Pastor:

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.

This is not a table for the unbroken. This is a table for the wounded.
For those who limp and grieve and question. For those still holding out hope that grace is real and that healing is possible.

Come not because you are whole, but because Christ is.
Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

All:
Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will,
we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
We confess, too, the wounds we carry—some inflicted by others, some we've caused ourselves.
We've hidden our pain from you and from one another. We've doubted that you could redeem what has been broken.
Forgive us, we pray. Heal us. Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor:
Hear the good news: Christ bore our suffering. He was pierced for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities. The punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All:
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image—beautiful, vulnerable, and capable of love. But when we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.
You did not discard us when we were broken. You came nearer. You entered our wounded world, our aching lives, in Jesus Christ, your Son. Born among us, he knew rejection and grief. He touched the

sick, restored the broken, and bore our wounds in his body upon the cross.
By his wounds, we are healed. By his resurrection, we are made whole.
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All:
Holy, 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.

Pastor:
On the night in which he gave himself up for us, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Pastor:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, wounded yet redeemed, broken yet beloved, scarred yet sent—made whole by your grace. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

All:
Amen.