

Words of Reception:

As brothers and sisters in the body of Christ,
and as members of this congregation,
we welcome you into this fellowship.

We promise to encourage you in faith,
to rejoice with you in joy, to support you in suffering,
to guide you in confusion, to listen to the word God speaks in
you,
and to call out the gifts the Holy Spirit is creating in you.

We thank God for your presence with us,
and ask His blessings on you all the days of your life.

Prayer of Response after Communion:

Precious Jesus, you who were broken for us, we praise you for the holy
mystery of the bread and the cup, symbols of your body and blood.
Strengthen us not as an assortment of individuals, but as the beautiful
diversity of your church, to go forth bearing the gifts of your love, even for
our enemies; of your joy, even in the midst of suffering; and of your peace,
even in the midst of violence so that all might see and know that you are
Lord. Amen.