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All. I am responsible. When anyone anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that I am responsible. Amen.

All: Our Father who art in Heaven....

OR:

Holy God, who lives within us, may your names always be respected.

May we empower each other to do your will at all times and in all places.

Give us this day the nourishment we need to live physically and spiritually.

And, forgive us our failings as we forgive those who fail us.

Strengthen us in time of temptation and set us free from the lure of half-truths. Amen

Cel: My friends, be sober, be wise.
Go in peace to love and serve God, our Higher Power through service to all.

All: Keep coming back, it works if we work and live it.

Cel: Let us now shake hands saying;
“Peace be with you”

“The religious person fears going to hell.
The Spiritual person has been there
and does not wish to go back.” Anon.

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Twelve Step

EUCCHARISTIC

[Also called: Mass, The Lord’s Table, Holy Communion]

CELEBRATION

of

RECOVERY.*

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[* This celebration of Twelve Step Recovery includes all who work a
Twelve Step Program.]

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A TWELVE STEP EUCHARIST.

The Word of God.

Cel: Welcome to the Twelve Step celebration of the Eucharist.
Please turn off all cell phones; take a minute of silence, and then, let us pray together the Serenity Prayer.

All: God Grant me the serenity - the peace of mind – to ACCEPT the things I cannot change – people, places and things, the COURAGE to change the things I can – my attitudes, and behavior – and the WISDOM to know the difference.

Reader: Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help other to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.

Cel: As people with addictive personalities, we gather here in the presence of God to celebrate the life and teachings of Jesus
Let us begin with our admission of Powerlessness as suggested for recovery:

All: We admitted we were powerless over alcohol - that our lives had become unmanageable.

Cel: Not only did we have to admit Powerlessness, we also had to

be totally honest about the insanity of our thoughts, attitudes and actions. In order to heal ourselves, we

All: Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

Cel: Creator God, Higher Power, we give thanks for this program of recovery. We leave now to return to the world to share, by word and example, the message of Jesus, to forgive, to love, to be compassionate, and not to judge. We do this, O Lord because:

All: Having had a spiritual awakening as a result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

Cel: May God bless us with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationship so that we may live deep within our hearts

May God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people so that we may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, hunger, and war, so that we may reach out

our hands to comfort them and turn their pain to joy

And may God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we really can make a difference in this world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done.

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All: Accept these prayers and praises Father, through Jesus Christ our great high priest, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, your church gives honor, glory and worship, from generation to generation. Amen.

Cel: Jesus taught us: *...unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.* As people with addictive personalities we learn to die-to-self by working and living the Steps as we:

All: Made a list of all person we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.

Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

Cel: The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Jesus died for us and feed on him in your hearts

by faith and with thanksgiving.

[The Bread and Fruit of the Vine are passed to each other with the words; “The Body of Christ.” “The Blood of Christ.” To which we respond: “Amen.”]

Cel: Loving and merciful God, our Higher Power, we give thanks for the nourishment we have received in this meal in the bread broken, the cup shared and the sharing. We give thanks for the twelve steps as we:

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All: Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

Cel: Our willingness to believe in a Higher Power opened our minds and hearts to a Power of Unconditional Love, Trust, and Forgiveness, or - however we understand this Power – and so we:

All: Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God *as we understood Him.*

Cel: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Cel: Creator God, Great Spirit, we give thanks for Ebby, Bill, Bob, Lois, Ann, Nell, and all who agonized through the infancy days of RECOVERY to bring us a message of simplicity and open-mindedness that continues to give us peace of mind. May we continue this program one day at a time so that we may be mindful of our addiction and of the

divine strength we need for our sobriety.

All: Amen.

Reader: The First Reading is taken from.....

The reader ends with these words: Listen to what the Spirit is saying to you.

All: Thanks be to God

Reader: Let us pray Psalm_____ reading responsively by whole verse.

Cel: The Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel according to

All: Praise and glory to God.

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Cel: This is the Good News of The Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Cel: Let us take some time to share how what we have heard applies to our life in recovery. Let us give everyone an opportunity to share.

Cel: Let us profess our belief in God, our Higher Power

We believe in a Higher Power whom we call the Great Spirit, God, Creator, and Father.

We believe in a Higher Power who is calling us to be compassionate especially with those suffering from active addiction.

We believe our Higher Power has been alive throughout history, inviting and challenging us to find within us the spiritual life we share with all of creation.

We believe in a Higher Power who knows our sufferings, who is present to us as we struggle in our sobriety; who rejoices in every chip we receive.

We believe in a Higher Power who calls us to forgive; to accept forgiveness, to reach out to those who seek our experience, strength, and hope.

We believe in a Higher Power who has encouraged us through the program, the fellowship, and our sponsors, to open our hearts and minds, and to see ourselves as spiritual beings having a human experience.

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Cel: We give praise and thanks to God, for, in Jesus the Christ, we have learned unconditional Love, Trust, Forgiveness, and to be compassionate. All these values Jesus taught by word and example.

On the night before he died, Our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, said the blessing, broke, and gave it to his disciples saying: *"Take this all of you and eat it, This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."*

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References for 1 Corinthians 11:24

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In the same way, when the supper was ended, he took

the cup, blessed and gave it to them saying: *Take this all of you and drink from it, this is the cup of my blood, given for you. As often as you drink from this cup, do this in memory of me.*

All: For as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's life, death and resurrection, until He returns.

Cel: Lord God of our forbearers, God of Abraham, Isaac and Joseph, God of Esther, Hagar and Ruth, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us; Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this table for comfort only, and not for strength, for pardon only and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may honorably serve the world in His name

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THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT.

Cel: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for Your glory as we empower one another to be ministers of Your unconditional love, trust and forgiveness.

All: Blessed be God, our Higher Power, forever

Cel: It is good that we gather as persons in recovery to give thanks to God, our Higher Power, for the peace of mind we have received.

God has opened our eyes to the blessings we could not see while active in our addiction. And now we are called to be wounded healers in a life of sobriety and ministry to others.

As we celebrate our recovery we remember the gifts given to Bill, Bob, Lois and Ann. We give thanks for the spiritual guidance of Sam Shoemaker, Ed Dowling and Sister Ignatia; of Drs. Silkworth, Tiebout, and Jung.

We give thanks and remember Nell and all who helped in the formation of this fellowship, and the various churches who have created ministries within their denomination for those of us in recovery. Therefore, joining with the angels and with all those who have gone before us, we lift our voices with all creation saying:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of love and mercy, 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

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Cel: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Cel: Our sobriety is obtained through the maintenance of our spiritual

condition. In The Big Book we read: “We launched out on a course of vigorous action, the first step of which is a personal house cleaning, which many of us had never attempted. Though our decision was a vital and crucial step, it could have little permanent effect unless at once followed by a strenuous effort to face, and to be rid of, those things in ourselves which had been blocking us....So we had to get down to causes and conditions.” And so we:

All: Made a fearless and moral inventory of ourselves.

Admitted to God, to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

Reader: We confess to You, Lord, and to one another, our past unfaithfulness; the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives.

All: We confess to you, Lord.

Reader: Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those we imagine to be more fortunate than ourselves.

All: We confess to you, Lord.

Reader: For all our false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us.

All: We confess to you O Lord

Reader: For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us.

All: Accept our repentance, O Lord.

Reader: St. Paul tells us: “Put away from you all bitterness and rage and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.”

Cel: Let us be silent for a moment and experience the forgiveness we have received, forgive ourselves, and give thanks.

(A moment of silent reflection.)

Cel: Now that we have been forgiven and have accepted forgiveness we are, once again, ready to acknowledge we

All: Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Cel: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Reader: For the poor, the oppressed, for prisoners and captives, and for all those care for them. O Lord, hear our prayer.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Lord we pray for our families and friends through whom we learn to love and be loved. Give us grace to serve You through service to our neighbors. O Lord, hear our prayer.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Lord, we pray that a spirit of peace and restraint may grow among the nations and all peoples. We pray to you O Lord.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader: Lord, comfort and restore all who suffer in body mind and spirit especially those suffering from active addiction and mental illness. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Lord, we give thanks for our journey in recovery. May we grow into becoming more compassionate and forgiving. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Cel. Creator God, Higher Power, these are the prayers we offer you both spoken and unspoken. We ask you to hear them through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

[Gifts of Bread and Fruit of the vine are now placed on the table]