

## **2010 Litany for World Communion Sunday**

### **Call to Worship**

Leader: We praise the God of all nations and peoples,  
People: Whose mercy extends to the ends of the earth.  
Leader: Who are my brothers and sisters?  
People: They who walk in the way of Christ.  
Leader: Who is my family?  
People: They who dwell in God's house.  
Leader: We are many members,  
People: But one body.

### **Gathering Prayer**

God, as we gather in this sacred community of faith, we remember that our congregation is but one of the many parts of your eternal and universal church. Though we come from different backgrounds, we are all part of the body of Christ. Make us ever mindful and understanding of the suffering of our members, jubilant in their joys and knowledgeable of their condition. We pray for our continued ministry with our brothers and sisters around the world. May we see ourselves one day as you see us. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

### **Litany (based on Psalm 137)**

Leader: Behold the city above all nations!  
People: We remember Jerusalem,  
Leader: When we are far from home.  
People: We remember Jerusalem,  
Leader: When the world refuses to hear us.  
People: We remember Jerusalem,  
Leader: When the door is closed to us.  
People: We remember Jerusalem,  
Leader: When we ignore the cries of our brothers and sisters.  
People: We remember Jerusalem,  
Leader: When our children are in need.  
People: We remember Jerusalem.

### **Prayer of Dedication**

Almighty God, we present these gifts to benefit our brothers and sisters around the world. From many vocations, we all engage in your global mission. Use our gifts to serve your church and to reach out to our neighbors everywhere. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

### **Benediction**

God, as we leave this sanctuary, encourage and remind us to go into the world. Guide us to advance the mission of your holy church and to tend to the needs of our brothers and sisters. Help us to care for Christ's body and to nurture the needs of all of God's children. Amen.