St. Peter’s Family Eucharistic Prayer
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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts!
People: We lift them up to the Lord!
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!
People: It is right to give him thanks and praise!

Celebrant:
In the beginning, God made the whole world and everything in it.
God made us, too! And God loved it and loved us.
Because God loved us, God has let us make our own choices.
Sometimes, we make bad choices that hurt us or other people.
And then God is like a strong mother, or a gentle father
who comes close to us and helps us get back on the right track.
The Bible tells us stories of how different people have come close to God
and God has come close to them.

God has seen all the bad choices that people have made.
So God decided to come visit us in very special way,
to show us again how to love each other.
God visited us and became human—a young man named Jesus.
Jesus was careful to include all people as his friends.
Some people didn’t understand this, and they became angry.
They wanted to hurt Jesus; they even wanted to kill him.
On the night before Jesus died, he had dinner as usual with his friends.

On the night before he died for us,
our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said,
“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine,
and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Loving God, remembering now the suffering and death and proclaiming the resurrection and ascension of Jesus our Redeemer, we bring you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for us, your people, the Body and Blood of Christ.

And send your Holy Spirit upon us, to gather us by this Holy Communion into one body in our Savior, and fill us with your life and goodness.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

Amen! Amen! Amen!

Everyone: AMEN! Amen! Amen!

Celebrant: Now let’s say together the prayer that Jesus taught us. Everyone: Our father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant: When we eat and drink this holy food, it’s not food for our hungry bodies. It’s food for our hungry and tired hearts. It’s for the parts of us inside that feel hurt, and the parts of us that have hurt others. And when we eat and drink it, we remember Jesus, and how he loves us and wants us to love each other.
The Bread and Cup are given with the words: God’s food of love for you.

the Post-Communion Prayer
Celebrant: Now, let’s thank God for this sign of his love and presence, and for giving us this community and this family!
Everyone: Thank you! Thank you! Thank you, God!