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One: We give thanks to God for all the blessings of life, and especially this day for the wonder of Jesus, Emmanuel – God-With-Us.

All: **We give thanks and praise to the Creator of life – all that is and all that will be.**

One: We have heard the story, that on a long-ago night, light and love came among us in a whole new way, born in a stable in Bethlehem.

All: **In Jesus' birth we awaken to the love that lies at the centre of everything. This is the love that that shows what it means to be most fully human, and in that love we may encounter God face to face.**

One: In Jesus, light bursts into the world once more, hope in the midst of every darkness, and joyful celebration to many. And so, with all who seek to follow his ways, we raise our voices, as we say,

All: **In the holiness of God's power of light and love, heaven and earth are filled with glory. Hosanna we cry! Hosanna in the highest!**

One: In faith we claim the bold trust that in Jesus born long ago, and in Jesus alive among us still, we find a new sign of love and peace for the world.

All: **In Jesus, we are called to care for the poor, feed the hungry, heal the sick. Following his ways, we stand with the poorest and least of us, learning about ourselves, and uncovering truth in sharing and ministering to all.**

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All: In this season of community, gifts and celebration, may we know most deeply the gift of love that is given here.

One: After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, asked for its blessing, and gave it to his friends. He said, "Drink this, all of you. In this, see my blood, poured out for you and for many. Whenever you gather, do this in memory of me."

All: With this bounty of the earth, may we celebrate the coming of Jesus, and offer ourselves to serve as disciples of his way.

One: May we know the Spirit among and within us, so that we who share at this table may be signs of joy and hope, love and peace for each other, and for all people.



Prayer After Communion

In the power of God's love, free and at work throughout creation, we give thanks that we can see each other – and see the world – in love's newly blazing light in Jesus. Nourished by the Spirit, may we remember in word and action the call to compassion, and its deep truth at the centre of our being. In the ancient story, and in the newness of each breath, may we walk together with the Christ on our journey of faith and life. Amen.

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