

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

In our Communion we taste the mystery of God's great love for us, and are renewed in faith and hope. We place our hope in God. We sing of a life beyond life and a future good beyond imagining; a new heaven and a new earth, the end of sorrow, pain, and tears, Christ's life with us and with God, and the making new of all things. Holy Mystery, Wholly Love, thankful for God's loving action, we cannot keep from singing. Amen.



**HOLY COMMUNION**  
(from *A Song of Faith*, 2006)

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE:**

Carrying a vision of creation healed and restored, we welcome all in the name of Christ.

**Invited to the table where none shall go hungry,  
we gather as Christ's guests and friends.**

In holy communion, we are commissioned to feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, love as we have been loved.

**Our open table, where all are welcome to take  
part, shows the shining promise of barriers  
broken and creation healed.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:**

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

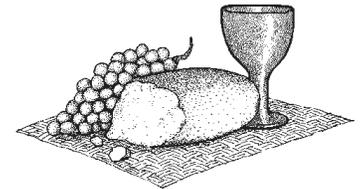
**We lift our hearts to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We are blessed by God, ...

... guiding us toward harmony with the Source.



**Grateful for God's loving action, we cannot keep  
from singing.**

We find God made known in Jesus of Nazareth, ...  
... people experience the presence of God among them.

**We sing praise to God incarnate.**

Jesus announces the coming of God's realm - ...  
... Jesus emerges from death in the mystery of the  
resurrection, turning sorrow into joy, despair into hope.

**We sing of Jesus alive among the people.  
We sing Hallelujah!**

Resting vibrantly in Jesus, God makes all things new. ...  
... Then, in the breaking of the bread, their eyes are opened.

**We remember that the Risen Christ walks with us.  
He calls us to remember him, and to meet him at the  
table.**

We remember Jesus' death and celebrate his resurrection:  
we await with hope God's vision of peace and justice for the  
earth. And we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Jesus has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**



May the Holy Spirit be on us and what we do here,  
that we and these gifts, touched by God's Spirit,  
may be signs of life and love to one another and to the world.

And so as disciples of Jesus we join in praying:

**Eternal Spirit,  
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of  
all that is and that shall be.  
Father and Mother of us ail, Loving God, in whom  
is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the  
universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by peoples of  
the world! Your heavenly will be done by all  
created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and  
freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive  
us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen  
us. From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that  
is love, now and forever. Amen.**

(a paraphrase of the Lord's Prayer - Jim Cotter 1988 )

THE SERVING

