

Lords Supper

You have come to the table not of the church but of the Lord Jesus
It is made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more

Whether you have much faith or little
Whether you have been here often or not for a long time
Whether you have tried to follow or failed
Jesus invites you to come and receive.
It is his will that anyone who loves him should meet him here

**Lord God, we bring you thanks and praise
Our hearts and voices full and joyful
These you deserve
For when we were nothing,
You made us something
When we had no name, no faith, no future
You called us your children
When we lost our way or turned away
You did not abandon us.
When we came back to you,
Your arms opened wide in welcome**

And look, you prepare a table
Offering not just bread and wine but your very self
So that we may be filled, forgiven, healed, blessed and made new again.
Lord God as we share in the riches of your grace, let us not forget the world around

We cannot take bread and forget the hungry
Put our wealth at the service of the poor

We cannot take wine and forget those who are thirsty
Put our fullness at the service of the empty

We cannot hear your words of peace and forget the world at war
Help us turn lust for power into desire for your perfect peace

We cannot celebrate this family feast and ignore divisions
Lord, heal your church in every brokenness

On the night on which Jesus was betrayed he sat at supper with his disciples. While they were eating he took a piece of bread, gave a prayer of thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying'

"This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me."

Later, he took a cup of wine, saying,

"This cup is God's new covenant sealed with my blood.

Drink from it all of you to remember me

**Lord Jesus Christ, present with us now
We come with empty hands unfit to serve you**

**But with you is mercy and the power to change us
Fill us with your Holy Spirit that as we take these gifts of bread and wine
We might become your body loving and caring in the world
Until your kingdom comes
Amen**

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The bread is served

*This is the bread of life, the body of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us eat and be renewed for His service. **Amen.***

The wine is served

*This is the cup of life, the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us drink and be refreshed for His service. **Amen.***

**Lord Jesus Christ
You have put your life in the hands of your people
Now we put our lives in yours
Take us, shake us, remake us.
May we reflect your love and light,
Your Justice and grace in all we say and do
To your glory. Amen**