

## **INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER**

This is the table, not the table of the church, but the table of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love Him and who want to love Him more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often, and you who have not been here for a long time, you who have tried to follow, and you who have failed. Come not because it is I who invite you; it is our Lord. It is His will that those who want Him should meet Him here.

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Gratitude, praise, hearts lifted high, voices full and joyful, these you deserve, O Lord. 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 here You have prepared a table for us, offering not just bread, not just wine, but your very self so that we may be filled, forgiven, healed, blessed, and made new again. You are worthy of all our praise. So now in gratitude, we join our voices to those of the Church on earth and in heaven.

**Lord Jesus, for us you were born, for us you healed, preached, taught, and showed the way to heaven; for us you were crucified, and for us after death, you rose again. Lord, Jesus Christ, present with us now, for all that you have done and all that you have promised, what have we to offer? Our hands are empty; our hearts are sometimes full of wrong things. We are not fit to gather up the crumbs from under your table.**

But with you is mercy and the power to change us. So, as we do in this place what you did in an upper room, send down your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine that they may become for us your body, healing, forgiving and making us whole, and that we may become for you, your body, loving and caring in the world until your kingdom comes. We pray as Jesus taught his disciples to pray, saying:

*(continued on reverse)*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## **BREAKING THE BREAD**

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, broke it and said:

“This is my body, which is for you; do this remembering me.”

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.

In the same way, he took the cup after supper, and said:

“This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood.

Whenever you drink it, do this remembering me.”

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord, until he comes.

Jesus said: “I am the vine; you are the branches. Cut off from me you can do nothing.”

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life. Now we put our lives into your hands. Take us, renew, and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us on. Take us with you; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**