

Hymns08.11.8

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery

in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world

in the strength of your Spirit,

to give ourselves for others,

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen. (Concluding Prayer, UMC Service of Word & Table)

Lord, we thank you for this mystery

of the holy wine and bread.

Here we see your selfless giving,

here taste heaven's banquet spread.

'Gracious Spirit, lead us outward

that the world, through us, be fed.'

As we give ourselves for others,

let your reign, O Christ, begin.

In our neighbor's face, we see you-

sense Your presence, now as then.

'Christ has died, and Christ is risen,

"Amen!" Christ will come again!'

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