



INVITATION TO THE TABLE:

This is the table of the Lord.

Come, not because you are strong,
but because you are weak.

Come, not because any goodness of your own gives you a right to come,
but because you need mercy and help;

Come, because you love the Lord a little
and would like to love him more.

Come, because the Lord loves you
and gives himself for you.

Let this bread and wine be for you the token and pledge
of the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
all meant for you if you will receive them in humble faith.

O taste and see that God is good.

PRAYER:

Holy God, for creating the world
and breathing into us the breath of life,
we offer you our thankful praise.

For redeeming us through Jesus Christ,
forgiving our sins and offering new life forever,
we offer you our thankful praise.

For strengthening us by your Holy Spirit
who lives within us, close as breath itself,
we offer you our thankful praise.





Abba Father, as we gather around our tables,
set with bread and the fruit of the vine,
we remember that on the night he was
betrayed the Lord Jesus took bread,
and when he had given thanks,
he broke it and gave it to the disciples, saying:

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

Participants have their bread ready

"Take, eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Participants have their cup ready

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying:

"This cup is the new covenant sealed by my blood, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me."

Merciful God, by your Word and Holy Spirit, bless these gifts and your people that we may receive Christ's body and blood given for us.

PRAYER:

Loving God in Jesus Christ,
with gratitude for your holy nourishment
about this table, we dedicate:

**our lips to be the hopeful voice of
Christ to the despairing;**

our hands to reach out in Christ's name
to heal the broken;

**our feet to walk with Christ to visit
those who are shunned;**

our bodies to be Christ's living sacrifice
to break the power of death.

Take us. Empower us. Use us. Amen.

