

Communion Song “We Gather Here”

VU 469

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving World Communion Sunday 2023

God be with you all.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts;

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God!

It is right to give God our thanks and praise!

Though creation sometimes weeps, **we wait lovingly for you, God.**

For you created the heavens of nature... the precious waters and the rich diversity of soils upon which we live and grow in relationship with you. You could sustain all of your creation, **but you will not, without us.**

Thank-you for the wonders of creation and for your great trust in us. Though humanity sometimes weeps, **we wait lovingly for you, God.**

For you smiled and bless every living thing among us... You could have made us self-sustaining, **but you did not, your love sustains us.**

Thank you for the worldwide fellowship of disciples, who faithfully attempt to share your love with all of creation. With whom we join to proclaim...

**Holy, Holy, Holy God of grace and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest,
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna
in the highest.**

In Jesus, love incarnate, you heard and respond to the cries of creation. You are:

The bread of life that **nourish our deprived bodies.**

The cup of blessings that **revives our thirsty souls.**

The gift of gathered community that **strengthens our growing faith.**

Thus, together we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

Though the church sometimes weeps, **we wait lovingly for you, God.**

For centuries, Christians of different customs have gathered to commune with you and each other through the sharing of this feast.

In their partaking you have been with them, just as you are with us now.

And so we join with our siblings ...Do this for the remembrance of me.”

BLESSING THE BREAD AND CUP

God we remember and give thanks for your Son All Praise be to you, now, tomorrow, and forever. **Amen**

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

These are the gifts of God for the people of God for the people of God, the table is set and all is ready...**thanks be to God.**

Prayer after communion:

Life-giving God, we give you thanks for the gift of our saviour's presence in the simplicity and splendour of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by the life of Christ that we may faithfully proclaim the Good News of your love and that your church may be a sign of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Liberator. Amen.