

Celebration of the Table

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving:

One: God, we who gather at this table,
yearn to walk in your light,
yearn to dance in your song,
yearn to live in your love.

All: Like our parents and their parents before

One: we are a people who wander,
walking circle upon circle,
down blind alleys and dark ravines.

All: Like our parents and their parents before

One: we fear the wilderness,
we complain against it,
and ignore it's power.

All: Like our parents and their parents before

One: we know the sting of temptation;
the desire to abuse power,
hoard your gifts,
abandon faith.
But you God, you love us as we are.
You gave us Jesus,

**All: guide for our wandering
living water for our wilderness
light against our temptations.**

One: We praise you God of Love,

**All: In our bondage you sing freedom,
in our exile you prepare our return
in our brokenness you offer forgiveness**

One: and so like our parents and their parents before we
sing: ***Holy, Holy, Holy,
My heart, my heart adores you,
my heart is glad to say the words
you are Holy Lord. (VU 951)***

One: We remember that on the night before he died,
Jesus ate with his closest friends,
he took a loaf of bread and after giving thanks he
broke it and gave it to them and said:

Take eat, and remember me.

Then he took a cup and after he gave thanks he
passed it to them and said:
Drink this, and remember me.

God, at this table,

All: find us.

One: Through this bread,

All: strengthen us.

One: With this cup,

All: set us free.

One: and in your love,

All: bless us. Amen.



Blessing and Sharing of the Meal

Prayer after Communion:

**All: We give thanks that bread broken brings wholeness;
That wine poured out replenishes;
That time spent with the Risen Christ and one another
is gift and grace. Amen.**