

Eucharistic Prayer I

Presider: He was always the guest.

In the homes of Peter and Jairus,
Martha and Mary, Joanna and Susanna,
he was always the guest.

At the meal tables of the wealthy
where he pled the case of the poor,
he was always the guest.

Upsetting polite company,
befriending isolated people,
welcoming the stranger,
he was always the guest.

But here, at this table, he is the host.

Those who wish to serve Christ
must first be served by Christ,
those who want to follow Christ
must first be fed by Christ,
those who would wash Christ's feet
must first let him make them clean.

For this is the table where God intends us
to be nourished; this is the time
when Christ can make us new.

So come, you who hunger and thirst
for a deeper faith, for a better life,
for a fairer world.

Jesus Christ who has sat at our tables now
invites us to be guests at his.

On the night on which he was betrayed,
and as they were sitting at a meal, Jesus
took a piece of bread and broke it. He
gave it to the disciples saying, 'This is my
body. I am present with you. Do this to
remember me.'

Later, after they had eaten, he took a cup
of wine and said, 'This cup is the new
relationship with God made possible
because of my life. Drink this all of you
to remember me.'

Eucharistic Acclamation "Amen, Come Lord Jesus"

Eucharistic Prayer II

Presider: This is the table not of the Church,
but of the Lord.

Come you who have much faith and you
who have little, you who have been here
often and you who have not been 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.

Now let us hear the story
of how this sacrament began.

On the night
on which Jesus was betrayed,
he sat at supper with his disciples.

While they were eating,
he took a piece of bread,
said a blessing, broke it
and gave it to them with the words,
'This is my body. It is broken for you.
Do this to remember me.'

Later, he took a cup of wine, saying,
'This is the new relationship
with God,
Take this – all of you –
to remember me.'

Gratitude, praise, hearts lifted high,
voices full and joyful
these you deserve, Gracious God.

For when we were nothing,
you made us something.

When we had no name and no faith and 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.

At this table you prepare, you offer not just
bread, not just wine, but your very self so
that we may be filled, forgiven, healed,
blessed and made new again.

Joined together in Christ, we give thanks.

Eucharistic Acclamation "Amen, Come Lord Jesus"

Presider: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that all of your promises
may come to us
and your whole creation.
Empower us by that same Spirit,
to love and forgive
that our lives
may anticipate that day
when you will make all things new.

Eucharistic Acclamation "Amen, Come Holy Spirit"

Presider: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that all of your promises
may come to us
and your whole creation.

Eucharistic Acclamation "Amen, Come Holy Spirit"

Presider: Gather our prayers with those
of the apostles, prophets,
martyrs,
and all the faithful
who have gone before us,
and unite them
with the unceasing prayer
of the One who lives in us
and in whom we live, Jesus
Christ.

"Through Christ, With Christ, In Christ..."

Presider: This we pray through Jesus
Christ, our Saviour and our
friend.

"Through Christ, With Christ, In Christ..."

Presider: Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

The LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION to Communion

Presider: All who are hungry, come and eat the bread of life.
All who are thirsty, come and drink the cup of salvation.

→ Lamb of God

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