

## A Prayer for Holy Communion

written to celebrate the new hymn collection

*Singing the Faith*

The Lord is here!

**His Spirit is with us!**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord**

Now thank we all our God,

**with hearts and hands and voices!**

Father almighty,

since the beginning your voice has sung love over  
all creation:

bringing light out of darkness

and order out of chaos;

conducting the great symphony of life.

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;**

**to his feet your tribute bring.**

In ancient times,

you heard the sad songs of your family, Israel.

You rescued them

and called them to be a people of your praise:

giving them laws of love, and a land of their own.

They responded in worship:

singing psalms of adoration and thanks.

**Praise him for his grace and favour**

**to his people in distress.**

In the fullness of time,

you sent your Son to rescue the whole world.

Jesus came

dancing to your tune of mercy and grace;

embodying your love in his life and death.

But death could not hold him,

and he rose with a new song for all creation.

**Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,**

**Praise the everlasting King!**

And so, with this church that was born in song

and your people who have always been singing,

we join in this hymn of praise:

***Holy, holy, holy.***

***With joy my heart adores you!***

***My heart cries out to worship you:***

***holy are you, Lord!***

*(repeat)*

Holy and loving God,

we thank you that Jesus has come to save us,

we thank you that we can know his love,

and we thank you for our hope

that one day all people will sing of your glory.

**Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!**

**Praise him with alleluias, for Jesus is Lord!**

We recall that on the night before he died,

Jesus shared a meal with his friends.

Giving them bread and wine

– his body and blood, for us and for all.

They ate and drank in awe and wonder,

and sung a hymn

before leaving for the garden of tears.

**You have commanded us to do**

**this, in remembrance, Lord, of you;**

**into our lives your power breaks through,**

**living Lord.**

*(the bread is broken)*

Pour out your Holy Spirit,

that this bread and wine,

broken and shared today,

may be for us the body and blood of Christ.

Then let us sing forever with you and to you,

living for your glory, and dancing to your tune,

**till we cast our crowns before you,**

**lost in wonder, love and praise!**

**Amen.**