**PARTICIPATORY COMMUNION**

[adapted from Craig Mitchell]

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| **INVITATION**  This is the joyful feast of Jesus: bread for beloved children; a meal for those expecting scraps; and a banquet for  last-minute guests! Come, your place is at the table. Here Christ meets you and calls you God’s own.  **THANKSGIVING**  Why have we gathered here?  **We come because we have been called**  **to live out a story**  What story shall we live?  **The story of saving love**  Where did this story begin?  **It was whispered before time began,**  **it was sung in the melody of Creation.**  Whose story is this?  **This story is God’s alone to tell**  **It hums in the rivers and the trees**  **It whispers in the skies and the seas**  **It calls to the people of all places**  **It speaks in our hearts, in our lives**  Why then should we speak of this story?  **This story calls our name in Creation**  **This story claims our lives through the Cross … through an empty tomb.**  **This story shapes our future through the Spirit**  **We are its telling in this time and this place**  So tell me the story of this night, of this table  **The Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed**  **took bread, and when he had given thanks,**  **he broke it**  *(taking and breaking bread)*  Tell me what he said and did  **This is my body which is broken for you**  **Do this and remember me**  Tell me what he said and did  *(taking and raising the cup)*  **In the same way, he took the cup and said**  **This is a new covenant in my blood**  **Drink it and remember me**  This is our common story  our deep memory, our true destiny  So let it also be our story-telling, our testimony  We celebrate the way that grace has shaped our lives  Hear the storytellers of all ages whisper with us  **Holy. holy, holy Lord**  **God of power and might**  **heaven and earth are full of your glory**  **Hosanna in the highest**  **Blessed in the one who comes  in the name of the Lord**  **Hosanna in the highest**  What is our prayer on this day?  **Pour out your Holy Spirit on us**  **So this everyday meal becomes an eternal feast**  **So that our eating and drinking today**  **unites us with Christ,**  **whose body and blood are given for us.**  **So we know that you live in us**  **and that we live in you**  **So that we live in your world**  **knowing it is indeed yours.**  **Living God, this is our prayer**  **Amen.** | David  David  Andrew  David  Andrew  David  Andrew  David  Andrew  Andrew  David  Andrew |
| **The Breaking of the Bread**  Christ is the bread of life,  Food for healing and wholeness  Christ is the cup of hope,  Wellspring of resurrection life.  The gifts of God for the people of God. | David   Andrew   David& Andrew (together) |
| **Distribution** |  |
| **THE PEACE** The peace of the Lord be with you **And also with you**.  *The people exchange a sign of peace* | Andrew |