**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 youand 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 storyour deep memory, our true destinySo let it also be our story-telling, our testimonyWe celebrate the way that grace has shaped our livesHear 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.** |  DavidDavidAndrewDavidAndrewDavidAndrewDavidAndrewAndrewDavidAndrew |
| **The Breaking of the Bread**Christ is the bread of life,Food for healing and wholenessChrist is the cup of hope,Wellspring of resurrection life.The gifts of God for the people of God. | DavidAndrewDavid& 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 |