

## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

### Gather the People

#### **Refrain:**

Gather the people! Enter the feast! All are invited, the greatest and least.

The banquet is ready, now to be shared.

Join in the heavenly feast that God has prepared.

**1.** Around this table we dine as kin, beloved fam'ly of God.

We share the Body of Christ, the Lord. Here we become what we eat. **Refrain**

**2.** Around this table we tell great talks, the wondrous stories of grace.

We hold the mem'ry of Christ, the Lord. So we become what we eat. **Refrain**

**3.** Around this table God's bounty falls on all who hunger and thirst.

We drink the fullness of Christ, the Lord. So we become what we eat. **Refrain**

**4.** Around this table God's mercy flows to hearts imprisoned by shame.

We know compassion in Christ, the Lord. Let us become what we eat. **Refrain**

**5.** Around this table new hope is born, the flame of faith in our hearts.

We find our courage in Christ, the Lord, till we become what we eat. **Refrain**

**6.** Around this table God's healing flows to all the wounded and worn.

We join the suff'rings of Christ, the Lord, as we become what we eat. **Refrain**

**7.** Around this table God's peace will reign in hearts imprisoned by fear.

We live in freedom through Christ, the Lord, as we become what we eat. **Refrain**

**Responsorial Psalm:** Praise the Lord, Jerusalem. Alleluia!

### **Profession of Faith – Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of

God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven (*all bow through became man*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **God of the Hungry** (Sunday mass)

- 1.** God of all the hungry millions, God who suffers with the poor,  
Still our greed keeps us from sharing with the hungry at our door.  
All who thirst will thirst no longer when we do as you would do.  
May we care for all your people; help us know that they are you.
- 2.** God who travels with the stranger, greeted by our apathy,  
Teach us to embrace all people; all can live with dignity.  
You have bid us clothe the naked, bringing hope in all we do.  
May we welcome all your people; help us know that they are you.
- 3.** God who loves the sick, the dying, they are precious in your sight;  
We will bring them your compassion, fill their living with your light.  
God who brings the captive freedom, free our hearts to love anew.  
May we comfort all your people; help us know that they are you.

**Bread for the World** (Sunday mass)

**Refrain:**

Bread for the world: a world of hunger. Wine for all peoples: people who thirst.

May we who eat be bread for others. May we who drink pour out our love.

**1.** Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life, broken to reach and heal the wounds of human pain. Where we divide your people you are waiting there on bended knee to wash our feet with endless care. **Refrain**

**2.** Lord Jesus Christ, you are the wine of peace, poured into hearts once broken and where dryness sleeps. Where we are tired and weary you are waiting there to be the way which beckons us beyond despair. **Refrain**

**3.** Lord Jesus Christ, you call us to your feast, at which the rich and pow'rful have become the least. Where we survive on others in our human greed, You walk among us begging for your ev'ry need. **Refrain**

## **At the Lamb's High Feast (Sunday mass)**

### **1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing**

Praise to our victorious King.  
He has washed us in the tide  
Flowing from his open side;  
Praise we him, whose love divine  
Gives his sacred Blood for wine,  
Gives his Body for the feast,  
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

### **2. Where the Paschal blood is poured,**

Death's dark angel sheathes his sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
Through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, Paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above.

### **3. Easter triumph, Easter joy, Sin alone can this destroy;**

From sin's pow'r do thou set free  
Souls newborn, O Lord, in thee.  
Hymns of glory, songs of praise,  
Father unto thee we raise:  
Risen Lord, all praise to thee  
With the Spirit ever be.

