

Resources for a communion service of hospitality

Wild Goose Worship Group

Call to worship

Leader Gather us in,
the lost and the lonely,
the broken and breaking,
the tired and the aching
who long for the nourishment
found at your feast.

ALL GATHER US IN,
Leader the done and the doubting,
the wishing and wondering,
the puzzled and pondering
who long for the company
found at your feast.

ALL GATHER US IN,
Leader the proud and pretentious,
the sure and superior,
the never inferior,
who long for the levelling
found at your feast.

ALL GATHER US IN,
Leader the bright and the bustling,
the stirrers, the shakers,
the kind laughter makers
who long for the deeper joys
found at your feast.

ALL GATHER US IN,
Leader from corner or limelight,

from mansion or campsite,
from fears and obsession,
from tears and depression,
from untold excesses,
from treasured successes,
to meet, to eat,
be given a seat,
be joined to the vine,
be offered new wine,
become like the least,
be found at the feast.

ALL GATHER US IN!

Song or hymn

Prayer of adoration

Leader Heaven is here, and earth,
and the space is thin between them.
Distance may divide,
but Christ's promise unites
those bounded by time,
those blessed by eternity.
Let heaven be glad;

ALL LET THE WHOLE EARTH CRY GLORY.

Leader Heaven is here, and earth,
and the Church above and below is one.
Peter is here, and Paul,
Martha and all the Marys,
(*Add saints' names as appropriate*)
the saints from far back
and those who left us not long ago.
And only sight prevents us
from seeing them,
one with us on the other side.
Let heaven be glad,

ALL LET THE WHOLE EARTH CRY GLORY.

Leader Heaven is here, and earth,
and the God who made them is present.
The Lamb, glorious on the throne,
sits beside us;
the Spirit of God, the Dove,
makes her resting place among us.
God inhales the breath of our prayers
and spreads a table for our satisfaction.
Let the heaven be glad.

ALL LET THE WHOLE EARTH CRY GLORY.

Leader Blessing and honour and glory and power
be to our God for ever and ever.

ALL AMEN.

Scripture

Song or chant

Invitation

Leader 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.

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

Those who wish to serve him
must first be served by him,
those who want to follow him
must first be fed by him,
those who would wash his 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.

Song

The story

Eucharistic prayer

Taking the bread and cup

The peace

Concluding prayer

Closing song

Closing responses

Leader Christ's food in our souls,

ALL OUR FOOD SHARED LIKE HIS.

Leader Christ's life in our hands,

ALL OUR LIVES SHAPED BY HIS.

Leader Christ's love in our hearts,

ALL OUR LOVE WARMED THROUGH HIS.

Leader Christ's peace on our path,

ALL OUR PATH FOLLOWING HIS.

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