

Communion for Palm Sunday: May the rocks cry out

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Lift your hearts to the living God!
Lift your praises to the Lord Jesus
Hosanna! Hosanna!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest!
If our praises fail and our thanks dry up
may the rocks cry out
may the depths of the earth shout your praise.

All glory is yours, all life, all hope, all beauty
all creation sings of you, all history tells your story.
All honour is yours
for you came to us, born as one of us
poured out in love, present in power.
Jesus, Lord Jesus, you rejected the way of control
you chose the way of service
you rejected the sword and the horn of victory
you chose the cross and crown of thorns.
You who danced with angels and commanded the stars
you walked step by step into our darkness and shame.

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world
have mercy on us (x2)
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world
grant us your peace

Jesus, Lord Jesus, we remember you
met with your friends on that darkest night
even in your fear and grief you gave thanks to God
you took bread, broke it, gave it to your disciples
and said "This is my body, which is broken for you.
Take this, eat it, and remember me."
Then you lifted up the cup of the covenant
spoke aloud your gratitude to the Father
and said "This is my blood, which is poured out for you.
Take this, drink this, and receive forgiveness."

Jesus, Lord Jesus, we glorify you
for your immense generosity
for your death on the cross
for waiting in the tomb, descending into hell.

Father, Lord God, we glorify you
for raising Jesus from the death
for sending your Spirit in power
to break open all other powers
to overcome death and hell and sin
and open to us the way of life everlasting.

Spirit, gracious Spirit, we glorify you
for you are here, with us now
here in this circle of friends
here in these gifts of bread, wine and grape juice.
Feed us, fill us, break us, heal us
over and over again
until we grow more and more to be the people of Christ
Thank you, Lord of all, Thank you.