

## **Holy Communion , using Proverbs**

*Incorporating traditional Eucharist elements (which could be congregational responses) and quotes from Proverbs.*

God be with you.

We lift up our hearts to God,  
giving thanks to God our Maker.

Praise and glory to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Fear of the Lord is life indeed,  
filled with it we can rest secure.

We come seeking your wisdom,  
for you are the source of all truth, all justice, all prudence.

To do righteousness and mercy is more acceptable to you than sacrifice.

Hear again the voice of wisdom, who cries out in the street:

"How long, you fools, will you cling to your ways,  
how long will you reject correction and chose ignorance?

If you accept my words, and treasure up God's commandments within you,

If you seek after truth and turn your heart towards understanding, then you will  
know the Lord your God, and he will keep you safe.

Turn away from evil, and walk in the paths of justice."

For wisdom is better than jewels, and all that we desire cannot compare with her.

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy God, how wonderful is the work of your hands!

You restore the beauty of your image

when sin has scarred the world.

As a loving parent you gather your children.

You fill them with longing

For a peace that will last

And for a justice that will never fail.

For us you raised up Jesus, the living bread,  
in whom ancient hungers are satisfied.

Healing the sick, though bound to suffer pain,

Offering life to the world though doomed to die,

Jesus in self-surrender Proved love stronger than death.

On the night before he met with death,  
Jesus came to table with those he loved,  
Took bread  
And blessed you, God of all creation;  
He broke the bread among his disciples  
And said:  
Take this, all of you, and eat it  
This is my body which will be given up for you.

When supper was ended,  
He took a cup of wine  
And gave thanks to you, God of all creation;  
He passed it among his disciples  
And said:  
Take this, all of you, and drink from it  
This is the cup of my blood,  
The blood of the new and everlasting covenant.  
It will be shed for you and for all  
To bring forgiveness.  
Do this in memory of me.

Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.

Creator God, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us  
and over our earthly gifts of bread and wine,  
that they may become for us the body and blood of Christ.

Lead us by the paths of righteousness, for your name's sake. Keep us steadfast in  
following Jesus, give us pure hearts and open minds.  
Give us feet willing to move to your prompting.  
Grow our desire for you, our trust in you,  
our love for one another.  
Until, at last, all creation will be one, and all divisions healed; and we shall sing  
your praise,  
united for ever in the name of Jesus Christ.

through whom, with whom,  
in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

All glory and honour is yours,  
almighty God, for ever and ever. Amen

**Share Communion**

Come, share in the feast that Christ has laid before us.

### **After Communion**

Listen to advice and accept instruction,  
that you may gain wisdom for the future.  
The human mind may devise many plans,  
but it is the purpose of the Lord that will be established.  
The fear of the Lord is life indeed,  
filled with it we may rest secure.

May God's great peace and loving wisdom  
guard your mind and your heart  
and so fill your daily life that all you do and everything you are may overflow with  
the glory of Christ Jesus. Amen.

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