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*Come to this table: you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more; you who have been to this sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.*

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like us in all things except sin,  
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he might bring again life to the world.  
Jesus, our Savior who knows our pain and fears, hear our prayers as  
we pray for those whom we love. Let us raise aloud to God  
the prayers of heart [Silence for prayers to be raised aloud]  
Lord, we are not able, in our dullness,  
to understand the breadth and length  
and height and depth of your love,  
but, true to the commandment of Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
we come to this table, which he has left to us,  
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*Here we declare and witness before the world that  
by him alone we have received liberty and life,  
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Moved by your Holy Spirit, we, your congregation, give you  
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*Amen.*

Breaking of Bread

*The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." [as the minister lifts or pours the cup] In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me." Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord until he comes.*

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