

## COMMUNION

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**ONE:** Why have we gathered here?

**ALL:** We come because we have been called to live out a story.<sup>[L][SEP]</sup>

**ONE:** What story shall we live?

**ALL:** The story of saving love.<sup>[L][SEP]</sup>

**ONE:** Where did this story begin?

**ALL:** It was whispered before time began, it was sung in the melody of Creation.

**ONE:** Whose story is this?

**ALL:** This story is God's alone to tell.<sup>[L][SEP]</sup>

It hums up the stream of the Hudson River and through the streets of  
Philipstown.<sup>[L][SEP]</sup>

It whispers in the skies and over the village of Cold Spring.<sup>[L][SEP]</sup>

It calls to the people of all places.<sup>[L][SEP]</sup>

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**ONE:** Why then should we speak of this story?

**ALL:** This story calls our name in Creation.<sup>[L][SEP]</sup>

This story claims our lives through the Cross.<sup>[L][SEP]</sup>

This story shapes our future through the Spirit.<sup>[L][SEP]</sup>

We are its telling in this time and this place.

**ONE:** Hear the storytellers of all ages whisper with us.<sup>[L][SEP]</sup>

**ALL:** Holy, holy, holy,<sup>[L][SEP]</sup>

God of power and might.<sup>[L][SEP]</sup>

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.<sup>[L][SEP]</sup>

Hosanna in the highest!<sup>[L][SEP]</sup>

Blessed in the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**ONE:** So tell me the story of this night, of this table.<sup>[L][SEP]</sup>

**ALL:** The Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed,  
took bread, and when he had given thanks,<sup>[L][SEP]</sup>  
he broke it.

*(Taking and breaking bread.)*<sup>[L][SEP]</sup>

**ONE:** Tell me what he said and did.<sup>[L][SEP]</sup>

**ALL:** This is my body which is broken for you.<sup>[L][SEP]</sup>

Do this and remember me.

**ONE:** Tell me what he said and did.

*(Taking and pouring the cup.)*

**ALL: In the same way, he took the cup and said,**

**This is a new covenant in my blood.**

**Drink it and remember me.**

**ONE: This is our common story,**

our deep memory, our true destiny,

so let it also be our storytelling, our testimony.

Let's celebrate the way that grace has shaped our lives.

I invite you to pray a prayer of thanks in your heart.

**(Pause)**

Therefore, in remembrance of the mighty acts and

blessed promises of Jesus,

we offer ourselves to you in union with his offering for us,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

**ONE: What is our prayer on this day?**

**ALL: Shower us with your Spirit, here and now,**

**so this common meal becomes a life-giving**

**celebration.**

**May our eating and drinking this day**

**bind us to Christ,**

**whose body and blood are given for us.**

**May we know that you live in us and that we live in you,**

**so that we live in your world, knowing it is indeed yours.**

**ONE: Living God, this is our prayer.**

**ALL: Amen.**