

Advent Communion

*Hidden and revealed God:
like your followers in ancient times,
we long for you to tear open the heavens
and come among us in amazing ways.*

*But you come to us most often
in the commonness of ordinary life.*

*Break upon us in Advent
with the freshness of a new stirring.*

Surprise us with your unexpected nearness...

*Open our eyes. Lord Jesus,
to see you in this common bread
and in our common lives,
in our hunger and our fullness,
in our despair and our hope,
in our worship and our work,
in the sacred and profane.
feed us also with bread unseen.*

*Open our hearts, Lord,
and fill our cups to overflowing.*

*Prepare your table of blessing
even in the presence of our enemies.
as close as the breath we breathe,
the table we share,
the bread we break, **(break bread)**
the cup we drink. **(pour wine)***

*Make yourself known to us
so that everyone may meet you here
and worship you this day.*

*Drench us with compassion for the poor,
and make us thirsty for justice and
liberation for the oppressed.
Pour for us the cup of heaven.*

*Come to the table of the Lord
you who are longing for God's face,
you who are weary from the world,
you have fed on the bread of tears,
you who have drunk from the cup of sorrow.*

*Come, for the table is ready.
These are the gifts of God for the people of God.*