Eastertide Communion Prayer


The table is set, O God,
_the bread freshly baked,_
_the cup brim-full._

Your people are assembled,
our hunger is great.
_Look with love on us, your own,_
_the apple of your eye._

Remember us, as we remember you
and praise you for your love:
_your mighty deeds, your faithfulness,_
_your kindness without end._

Remember us now,
as with grateful hearts we remember Jesus,
the greatest of all your gifts to us.

We remember that he was laid in a grave.
_A great stone sealed his tomb._

We remember that the women came
early in the morning, the third day.
_They did not find him among the dead._

We remember that disciples met him,
a stranger on the road.
He explained the scriptures to them:
their hearts were ablaze.

They said to him, “Stay with us, for it is evening.”
**He went in with them and sat at their table.**

There he took bread and gave thanks for it.
He broke it and gave it to them.
**They knew him when he broke the bread.**

Now, most gracious God,
send your Spirit to bless this bread and cup,
signs of his body and poured-out life.
Make them for us reconciling food and drink.
**Bless us also, who share this meal**
so that, overjoyed by his presence,
and nourished by his life,
**we may become servants of his peace**
until the New Day of justice comes,
and every creature beholds it.
All this we pray in his name,
who taught us to say:
*The Lord’s prayer may follow here, then the sharing of bread and cup with all.*