

Eastertide Communion Prayer

Luke 24:28–29

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.