

## Opening Prayer

We come as beggars to the table,  
We come as prisoners to the gate of the jail  
We come as children in a world we cannot fathom  
We come as exiles eager to return

We come  
We come in our need  
We come because we bleed  
We come because we do not know  
We come because the well is dry and the jar is emptied  
We come

And in you we hear Gospel  
Grace and gift and generosity to those who cannot pay  
Hope and call and lifting up to those who cannot dig their way out  
Insight and knowing to those who do not understand

This is the place of the meeting  
This is the place of change  
This is the place where starting begins again

So we praise you  
We praise you Oh God  
Oh how we praise you

We praise you for you are three in one  
Father, Christ and Spirit  
Three at the banquet table of heaven  
Welcoming in  
Dying for us  
Living within us  
We praise you  
We worship and praise you

Forgive us all our sins, our love of siren voices, quick fixes, avoidant habits, scapegoats and excuses  
Forgives them all  
Forgive us when we see this world as purchase and transaction, rather than sacrifice and gift  
Forgive us all our sins  
As we confess them to you now...

Oh Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lamb of God, may you take away our sins

And now hear us in the words of Jesus...