

*Eucharistic Prayer in the Wesleyan Spirit*

The Lord is here  
**God's Spirit is with us**

Lift up your hearts  
**We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**It is our joy to give God thanks and praise.**

It is by grace that we have known you  
O God of this and every age.  
In mercy you heard the cry  
of your enslaved people  
and reached out to deliver them.  
In lovingkindness you offered a covenant  
to bind yourself in faithfulness  
to the fragile Hebrew community.  
When they chose their own path  
you sent prophets to speak your word  
and reveal your heart of love.  
With generations before us we say

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory;  
hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord;  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Through grace, in the fullness of time,  
you sent your Son to be our Saviour.  
Born of Mary, nurtured by rabbis,  
he came to love your law  
and embrace your prophets.  
We rejoice to sing your praise that  
in Jesus, your covenant  
is opened to all peoples.  
By his life, death and resurrection  
you restore your image within us  
and give us a share in your new creation.

On the night he offered up his life  
Jesus took bread, and after blessing it  
he broke it, gave it to his disciples,  
and said, "Take, eat: this is my body  
which is given for you;  
do this to remember me."

Then he took the cup, and after giving thanks,  
he gave it to them saying,  
"Drink from it, all of you:  
for this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is poured out for many  
for the forgiveness of sins."

**We remember Christ's death:  
we proclaim his resurrection;  
we await Christ's coming in glory.**

By grace, you enable us to grow  
in holiness in Christ's community.  
Through prayer, your Spirit  
opens our hearts to this world  
in all its promise and pain,  
and to your heart of suffering love.  
Give us an assurance to live your gospel  
of healing and hope.  
Come Spirit of God  
transform this bread and wine  
and our broken lives  
to reveal the unity of the Body of Christ. **Amen.**

The bread which we break  
is a sharing in the Body of Christ.

The cup of blessing for which we give thanks  
is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Behold the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.

