

This table does not belong to any denomination,
church or community.
It belongs to Jesus.

**It was at table that he met people,
heard their stories and shared his.**

It was at table that he deepened his friendship
with poor folk and prostitutes,
the business class and puzzled bystanders.

**It was at table that he shared profound insights
into who God is and what God wants.**

And it was at table, with bread and cup,
that he initiated the ordinance we now celebrate.

**So come to this table.
Leave behind any baggage of arrogance or unworthiness.**

Do not think, 'This is not for me.'
Think rather of Jesus saying, 'I am for you,'
and accept his invitation to be the friend
he cherishes and longs to feed.

**What we do here, we do
in imitation of what Christ first did.**

**On the night on which he was betrayed;
and as they were sitting at a meal,
Jesus took a piece of bread and broke it.
He gave it to the disciples saying,
"This is my body broken for you.
do this in remembrance of me."**

**Later, after they had eaten,
he took a cup of wine and he said,
“This cup is the new relationship with God
made possible because of my death.
Drink this all of you, and remember me.”**

So now we do as Jesus did.