

We are here because Jesus has called us –  
strangers and friends,

locals and visitors,  
believers and doubters,  
the certain and the curious.

**It is always a mixed company that Jesus gathers  
and invites to his table where, in bread and cup,  
he meets us  
and through him we, who are different,  
are joined to each other.**

So come,  
not because you understand,  
but because you are understood.

**Come,  
not because of how you feel,  
but because God has food for you.**

Come, not because you deserve a place,  
but because Jesus invites you,  
just as you are.

**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.**