



*Short Hymns for Meditation
After Communion*

The Blessing Cup of Christ
Though We Are Many
Two Fish and Just Five Loaves

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Score for Unison Voices and Guitar



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The Blessing Cup of Christ

The blessing cup of Christ we bless
and share the blood he shed.
We take his body for our own
and so by Christ are fed.

This feast prepared of finest wheat,
this cup that overflows.
We eat and drink at his command:
He comes who died and rose.

May we be worthy of his feast,
the covenant made new.
May we remember what we eat
and to his cup be true.

Tune: LEBANON, by Wm. Billings,
in *Kentucky Harmony* (1815)

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LEBANON, CM
by William Billings, *u m*
chords by Kyle Cothorn, OSB

Em Bm Em Bm Em Bm/D C Bm Em F#dim G

The bless- ing cup of Christ we bless And share the
This feast pre - pared of fin - est wheat This cup that
May we be wor - thy of this feast: The cov - e -

6 D Em Bm Bm Em D Bm

blood he shed. We take his bo - dy
o - ver - flows. We eat and drink at
nant made new. May we re - mem - ber

11 Em/D Am Bm Em Bm Am G Am Bm Em

for our own And so by Christ are fed.
his com - mand: He comes who died and rose.
what we eat And to this cup be true.

Though We Are Many

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FIDUCIA, by Robison, Southern Harmony, 1835

Chords by Kyle Cothorn, OSB

Capo 3 *Em Bm/D Am/C Bm G G B sus4 Bm Em*

Though we are man - y, Christ is one. The cen - ter and the sum.
When bro - ken for the Church to share, No one shall Christ di - vide.

Piano

6 *Em Bm/D Am/C G G B sus4 Bm Em*

He draws the man - y to him - self, And we to Christ must come.
He gives him - self en - tire and whole: The Bride-groom of the Bride.

Pno.

11 *C Em/B Em Em/B D G/Gb D G Am Em Em/B D*

As we are ga - thered in - to Christ, So shall our hearts ex - pand
May we who dare to eat and drink This food of right - eous - ness,

Pno.

Though We Are Many

17 *Em Em Am/C Bm G G B sus4 Bm Em*

And love as Christ him - self has loved Ful - fill - ing his com - mand.
Be so con - formed to Christ a - lone We none but Christ con - fess.

Pno.

Though We are Many

Though we are many, Christ is one:
The center and the sum.
He draws the many to himself,
And we to Christ must come.
As we are gathered into Christ
So shall our hearts expand
And love as Christ himself has loved,
Fulfilling his command.

When broken for the Church to share,
No one shall Christ divide.
He gives himself entire and whole:
The Bridegroom of the Bride.
May we who dare to eat and drink
This food of righteousness,
Be so conformed to Christ alone
We none but Christ confess.

Tune: FIDUCIA, attr. to Robertson
in Kentucky Harmony (1815)

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Two Fish and Just Five Loaves

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by Henry Bryan Hays, OSB
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1. Two fish and just five loaves of bread the mul - ti - tude once fed. Now
bread he breaks to feed the mul - ti - tude. Like

The first system of the musical score is in 2/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part consists of a right-hand melody and a left-hand bass line. The lyrics are: "1. Two fish and just five loaves of bread the mul - ti - tude once fed. Now bread he breaks to feed the mul - ti - tude. Like".

5 has his bod - y and his blood be - come our dai - ly bread. How
5 fish, may we be caught with Christ and with him be their food. Lord

The second system of the musical score continues the melody. The lyrics are: "5 has his bod - y and his blood be - come our dai - ly bread. How fish, may we be caught with Christ and with him be their food. Lord".

9 gra - cious is his gift of self where - by we are sus - tained. Its
9 Je - sus Christ and Son of God, our Sav - ior glo - ri - fied, stay

The third system of the musical score concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "9 gra - cious is his gift of self where - by we are sus - tained. Its 9 Je - sus Christ and Son of God, our Sav - ior glo - ri - fied, stay".

boun - ty, like the loaves and fish, shall nev - er be con - tained.
with us till we see your face, and so are sanc - ti - fied.

1. 2.
2. May we be - come this

Two Fish and Just Five Loaves

Eucharist

Two fish and just five loaves of bread
the multitude once fed.
Now has his body and his blood
become our daily bread.
How gracious is his gift of self
whereby we are sustained.
Its bounty, like the loaves and fish,
shall never be contained.

May we become the bread he breaks
to feed the multitude.
Like fish may we be caught with Christ
and with him be their food.
Lord Jesus Christ and Son of God,
our Savior glorified,
stay with us till we see your face
and so are sanctified.

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