

Holy God, we praise you.  
*Let the heavens be joyful,  
And the earth be glad.*

We bless you for creating the whole world,  
For your promises to your people,  
*And for The Way of Jesus, in which your fullness dwells.*

Great is the mystery of faith:  
*Dying on the cross, Jesus saves us.  
Risen from the dead, he gives new life.  
Living with you, he prays for us.*

God of grace,  
You renew us at your table with the bread of life.  
May this food strengthen us in love,”  
And help us to choose relationship instead of war,  
Reparations instead of violence,  
Social good instead of personal gain,  
Faith instead of anxiety,  
Accountability instead of prejudice,  
Both/and instead of either/or,  
Difficult conversations and professional risk,  
instead of accommodation and silent complicity.  
We ask this in The Way and in The Spirit of Jesus.