Four Musical Eucharistic Prayers

to familiar Christmas tunes

by Steve Garnaas-Holmes

Tunes
O Come, All Ye Faithful
O Little Town of Bethlehem
Rocking, Rocking
What Child Is This

Note: These pieces may either sung straight through as an invitation to communion, or as a replacement for the Eucharistic Prayer, with the Blessing and Covenant ("Words of Institution") between the second and third verses.

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Tune: O Come, All Ye Faithful

Beloved, we thank you for your many blessings, so gladly we bring our gifts in thanks and praise. Holy Creator, God of love and mercy, all earth and heaven praise you, all earth and heaven praise you. Hosanna in the highest and peace on earth.

Blessed is Jesus, love made flesh among us, your joy and delight in us, the Bread of Life. Christ has died. Christ is risen.
And Christ will come again, yes Christ will come again. O come let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

[The Blessing and Covenant]

Pour out your Spirit on your waiting people, and make us the Body of your risen Christ. Glory and honor be to you forever. Amen. Alleluia. Amen Alleluia. Amen. Alleluia forevermore.

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Tune: O Little Town of Bethlehem

We thank you God, for you have made your people lovingly. Oppressions cease and by your peace you set your children free. Your light dawns on the captives who in deep darkness dwell. With all that lives our praise we give, O God, Emmanuel.

How blest is Jesus, whose deep grace the world could not contain. He taught and healed and truth revealed that love and justice reign. For Christ has died and risen, and Christ will come again. And so we give our love, and live to make his coming plain.

[The Blessing and Covenant]

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts; be present in this meal. Baptize with fire; our hearts inspire to love and bless and heal. Make us the living Body of Christ in our own place, in this world's night to be the light of your redeeming grace.

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Tune: Rocking, Rocking

God, eternal, love is your throne, love is your throne; you create us as your own.

Love, you lead us in new living: so we gather, freely giving.

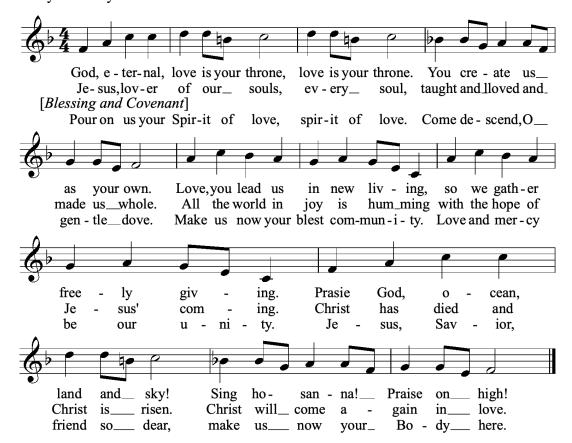
Praise God, ocean, land and sky!

Sing hosanna! Praise on high!

Jesus, lover of our souls, every soul, taught and loved and made us whole. All the world in joy is humming with the hope of Jesus' coming. Christ has died and Christ is ris'n. Christ in love will come again.

[The Blessing & Covenant]

Pour on us your spirit of love, spirit of love. Come, descend, O gentle Dove. Make us now your blest community. Love and mercy be our unity. Jesus, Savior, friend so dear, make us now your Body here.



(Tune: What Child Is This)

Leader: O God of grace, your saints embrace your gifts of life and blessing, for sin's release, and eternal peace our thanks and praise professing.

People: Praise, praise, Creation sings to God, who shines in all good things. Peace, peace on earth to all, for blessed is One who is coming.

Our voice we raise in grateful praise the song the angels have sung us of Jesus born that blessed morn, the Word made flesh among us.

Christ, Christ, you set us free from sin and death eternally! Christ, dead and raised, you give new life as we wait for your coming.

[... The Blessing and Covenant...]

Pour out your Spirit on these, your gifts, and on us: that in us your love may dwell. Your love impart to every heart, O God, Emmanuel.

Love, love will give us birth, your church, the Body of Christ on earth. Love, Love, be born in us, that we may be signs of your coming.

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Eucharistic Prayer

