

Table Songs & Doxologies

Songs for setting the table or invitation to communion. Generally I use one verse only. Verses with an asterisk can function as a Doxology separate from communion.

Advent

Tune: *What Child Is This?*

O Christ, you call to your table here
your blessed children, your people dear.
Our gifts we bring, and your praise we sing,
as we gather to wait for your coming.
Come, come, Emmanuel!
The bread and wine your presence tell.
Come, come, and fill our hearts,
and make of us signs of your coming.

Your prophet cries to prepare a way
and so we give of our gifts this day,
We set a place at the feast of grace
so that all may know your mercy.
Come, come, Emmanuel,
among us now in love to dwell.
Come, come, and fill our hearts,
and make of us signs of your coming.

Tune: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

The promise of your coming, God, is dawning in
the east!
Your praise we sing, our gifts we bring, preparing
for your feast.
God, as we set this table, prepare our hearts as well.
O Come to us, abide with us, our dear Emmanuel.

Tune: *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

Holy, Holy, God of might,
fill Creation with your light.
God of mystery, God above,
send in flesh your Word of love.
Call us to your table, Lord,
shaped and livened by your Word.
Blessed is the Coming One,
Christ, Emmanuel, your Son!
All our gifts to you we bring!
Endless praise to you we sing!

Tune: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

* Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host,
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emanuel shall come to thee, O
Israel.

* O Come, O Christ, and in our darkness dwell,
and be our Lover, our Emmanuel.
Come, enter in the womb of our hearts,
and bless us by the Life your grace imparts.
Rejoice! O God, your Christ, once dead, you raise;
and raised with him, we sing to you our praise.

O Come, beloved Host, and be our guest,
and feast with all the poor whom you have blessed.
The gifts we bring in joy to this place
are gifts that you have given us in grace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Christ comes to bless and heal,
and be with us forever in this meal.

Tune: *Away in a Manger*

God, bless us, your children, for dark is the night;
and help us prepare for the dawn of your light.
Renew our cold spirits and kindle our hearts,
to shine with the hope that your promise imparts.

Dear Jesus is coming! Our voices we raise.
We bring him our gifts in thanksgiving and praise.
We pray that the light that the new dawn imparts
will guide us and bless us with hope in our hearts.

Tune: *He Is Born*

Come, my friends, and join the feast:
Christ has called us to the table,
one and all, both great and least,
come and share the gift divine!
Christ is come, a lowly child,
drawing us in awe together,
healed and blest and reconciled,
fed with grace to bear God's love.
Come, my friends, and join the feast:
everyone is called and welcome,
old and young, from west and east,
come and share the gift divine!

Tune: *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

God our Mother, Christ our Brother,
Spirit, in these gifts you vow:
by your giving, in our living,
we become your Body now.
Bread is broken, light revealing;
Word is spoken for our healing.
Make us all your Body now.
Make us all your Body now.

Tune: *Sing We Now of Christmas*
Or *In The Bleak Midwinter*

Jesus, you have called us to your table here.
By your invitation all are blest and dear.
Bringing our gifts, we meet each other here.
Christ we come rejoicing! Come, O Christ, appear!

In this feast of mercy, Christ, we thirst for you.
Open wide our hearts to what your love will do.
Make us your Cup, the Manger where you lay.
Love made flesh among us, Christ be born anew.

Tune: *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

(Two verses go together.)

Christ, begotten of the love of God, here before the
world's first day,
Christ is Alpha and Omega, Christ the source, the
end, the way,
Christ, the promised One, still coming, so we rise
and greet the day,
evermore and evermore.

So we bring our gifts to honor you, and we come on
bended knee,
offering our hearts and living, that to you the glory
be.
May your light adorn and guide us, now and in
eternity,
evermore and evermore. Amen.

Christmas/Epiphany

Tune: *What Child Is This?*

O God, your light now fills our sight;
your song now fills our hearing.
Our gifts we bring, your praise we sing,
to feast at Christ's appearing.
Christ, Christ, Emmanuel,
your love we share, your grace we tell.
Christ, Light of the World, we come!
O fill us, Lord, with your brightness!

O Christ, you call to your table here
your blessed children, your people dear.
Our gifts we bring, and your praise we sing,
as we gather in joy at your coming.
Christ, Christ, Emmanuel,
the bread and wine your presence tell.
Come, come, and fill our hearts,
and make of us signs of your coming.

O Christ, the light of your love and grace
has led us here to this time and place.
Our gifts we bring, and your praise we sing,
as we honor the King of glory.
Christ, Christ, Emmanuel,
the bread and wine your presence tell.
Light, light shall fill our hearts
and make us signs of your presence.

Tune: *Rocking*

Gentle Jesus, friend and guide, friend and guide,
now you call us to your side.
Here you give yourself as living food,
and we feast in joy and gratitude.
Gentle Jesus, make us one;
may your will in love be done.

God, we thank you for your gifts, all your gifts,
grace that heals and power that lifts.
So we come now to your table,
bringing gifts as we are able.
For your justice, joy and peace
here we gather, share and feast.

Epiphany

Tune: *Rocking*

Lovely Jesus, light divine, light divine,
light of the world and light of mine.
I will follow, follow, follow you.
Lead me in what love will dare to do.
Here I bring my gifts to you.
Use them as your love will do.

Tune: *We Three Kings*

God, we bring our gifts and embrace
all you give us by your grace,
loving, healing, Christ revealing, for all the human race.
O, God of mercy, God of might,
God whose love is shining bright,
you have freed us; now you feed us
as one family in love's light.

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