

## Welcome

*Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted."*  
Matthew 15:28

The hunger that we feel inside  
Is often not for food,  
For what we feel we've been denied  
Has greater magnitude.

The emptiness that plagues us so  
Is hunger of the soul  
For peace and happiness to know,  
To be again made whole.

The bread and wine at our Lord's table  
No stomach ever fills,  
But feeds our hearts so we are able  
To do our Savior's will.

Too many have so wrongfully  
Been from this "meal" excluded  
Because of differences we see  
And thus, are not included.

Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ  
Was clear about this matter:  
His grace for all alone sufficed,  
As he all norms would shatter.

To Peter "Feed my flock" Christ said:  
No crumbs, no scorn, no blame.  
Deny no one the wine and bread  
And serve in Jesus' name.

So much to do, and many seek  
To feast with Christ and God.  
And who are we to e'er critique?  
No one can be outlawed.

As we've been fed by our dear Lord,  
Oh, let us share that grace!  
Redeeming love by Christ outpoured:  
"Be fed! All have a place!"

