



## Eucharistic Prayer with Sung Responses

This prayer that was written for Christmas (but could be used during the Advent and Christmas season) is punctuated with opportunities for the congregation to sing a portion of *Joy to the World* as responses throughout the prayer.

Recognizing the broad use of liturgical resources and the long history of written prayers, all effort is taken to ensure that the prayers are original.

### Let us pray:

Holy and Merciful God,  
maker of all;  
blessed are you for all the wonders of creation.  
All your works,  
from the heights of the heavens to the depths of the sea and land,  
echo the music of your praise.  
You gave us breath and speech,  
melody and harmony to join all living things to sing your praise:

Chant:                    ***Let heaven and nature sing, let heav'n & nature sing  
Let heaven, let heaven and nature sing.***

God of heaven and earth,  
God with us on the streets where we live,  
God with us in the tiny babe, Jesus, wrapped in the cloth of childhood,  
you came to be with us to show us that peace on earth begins for us with your  
embrace;  
As Jesus grew in this world of conflicts,  
you taught us that we must live for justice and guard the last and the least in our lives.  
As we gather around this table laid for us in Jesus' name,  
we give you thanks for all the Christmas tables we have shared over the years  
and for the tables we will gather around this year.  
Thank you for all the goodness we taste in the gifts of the earth.  
We remember all those of your children who do not have enough to share this day  
and pledge ourselves to do what we can to bless their lives in the coming year:

Chant:           ***With wonders of his love, with wonders of his love,  
With wonders, wonders of his love.***

This day, O God, we offer all the concerns that lie on our hearts  
and ask you to carry them for a while, just as children ask a parent to carry a heavy  
load.....

*(10 seconds of silence)*

All this we surrender to you to hold, to heal, and to honour with your wisdom and  
mercy  
in the transforming name of Jesus Christ.

God of mystery and manger, come again to feed us at this table,  
so that we may taste your presence in our lives.  
Let your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over these gifts of bread and wine.  
As we taste the bread and sip the wine  
may we know that Jesus Christ, your love made flesh, shares our flesh.  
Open our eyes to see him in each other and open our hearts to live for him with each  
other

That together we may....

Chant:           ***Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.***

Amen.