

Eucharist / Communion

THE PATTERNED MYSTERY

Tune: FOUR-FOLD ACTION

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Harmony: Graham Hollobon

1. The patterned mystery we enact
Within this sacrament
Enshrines the promised Way of Christ,
God's lively testament.
2. We *take* and *bless* the loaf and wine,
We *break* the holy bread,
We *share* them both with all who seek
To have their spirits fed.
3. The *offering* which we bring to you
Is all we have and are,
The fruit of human minds and hands;
The world and all our care.
4. Our joyful liberation, God,
Proceeds from *praising* you
For life and Eucharist are one
Inspiring all we do.
5. In *breaking* bread we share your grief
For every cross of Earth.
We rise with you to fuller life
And feasting find our worth.
6. This *sharing* meal invites us all
To question what we own
For what we think belongs to us
Has always been God's home.
7. Your *Risen Presence* we discern,
O Christ, within each meal
Which reaches out to feel the hurts
Compassion's touch can heal.

Alternative Tune: ST PETER (WOV 410, MHB 99, NS 122, CH4 461)

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