

Jesus said "Come to me all you who are weary and I shall give you rest"

Invitation

Come from your still nights and morning oasis. Come with the hopes and fears of long years and brief days. Come with road dust and star dust with gifts always inadequate but always needing to be given away.

Come with the need for peace of mind and peace on earth. Come to the Bread and Cup, speaking Star words with our lips wanting to run away from so many dangers. Come to Bethlehem remembered, but hold in prayer the sorrows of Bethlehem today. We come for Emmanuel – God with us in journey and shelter.

Consecration

Emmanuel, God you are with us, in our lonely nights, and following so-distant stars. We carry all our old years and open our new one, always hoping, for an oasis for each of us and a blessing on earth, in the form of bread in our hands, and the cup we lift. May this Bread and Cup be so sacred we never lose the Star's shine, ignore the new year and new chance embedded in every day, or forget Christ who calls us to sharing and joy. Amen

Remembering

EAT, DRINK, REMEMBER WHO I AM,

**EAT, DRINK, REMEMBER WHO I AM,
SO YOU CAN REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE,**

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SO YOU CAN REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE,
AND GO TELL THE OTHERS.....

**EAT, DRINK, REMEMBER WHO I AM
SO YOU CAN REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE
AND GO TELL THE OTHERS
SO THAT ALL GOD'S CHILDREN CAN LIVE IN HOLY COMMUNION, HOLY
COMMUNION**

- (Ann Weems)

Sharing of the Elements

Let us share the bread.

It is the gift that reminds us of our gifts.

Let us drink deeply.

So that we may always travel on.

Thanksgiving

God, we give thanks that you come to us as Epiphany, in Bread and Cup, in old story and your answer to each of our hopes, need for peace, longing for joy, commitment to love. You have filled us so we may share the good tidings all the year-long. Amen