

FEED US NOW

1. Feed us now, Bread of life,
in this holy meal;
let us know your love anew:
we hunger for you.
Feed us now, Bread of life,
come and live within;
let your peace be ours today,
Lord Jesus, we pray.
2. Piece of bread, glass of wine:
Lord, this food is good;
love and mercy come to us —
your promise we trust.
Piece of bread, glass of wine;
who can understand
how his mercy works in these?
Yet, Lord, we believe
3. God is here, O so near,
nearer than our thoughts.
Stay with us where'er we go;
Lord, help us to grow.
God is here, O so near,
in this heaven's meal.
May we always feed on you —
on the bread that is true.

1976. The sweet, romantic tune almost makes up for the ordinary style of the lyrics. And the subject matter too! Though the song concerns the centre of Christian devotion, I hope that it communicates a down-to-earth appreciation of God's meal, and God's holiness too. Our natural inclination leads us to locate holiness outside of the everyday world. The sacrament of Holy Communion can help us understand that God's holiness is right here — for a start, in bread and wine!

Lord, you know how much guidance we need.
So often we look for you in the wrong places and overlook the spot where you've
promised to be. Come to us in the bread and wine of your supper, and feed us
again, and again, and again.

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