1. We hail thy presence glorious, O Christ our great High Priest,
   o'er sin and death victorious, at thy thanksgiving feast:
   as thou art interceding for us in heav'n above,
   thy Church on earth is pleading thy perfect work of love.
   are joined in closest union, one Body with one Head.

2. Through thee in ev'ry nation thine own hearts upraise,
   offering one pure oblation, one sacrifice of praise:
   with thee in blest communion the living and the dead
   this bread its halowed token we break in thy dear name.
   this cup of blessing and praise thy name, O Lord.

3. O living bread from heaven, Jesus, our Saviour good,
   who thine own self hast given to be our souls' true food;
   for us thy body broken hung on the Cross of shame:
   our thankful faith confessing in thy life-blood outpoured,
   we drink this cup of blessing and praise thy name, O Lord.

4. O stream of love unending, poured from the one true vine,
   with our weak nature blending the strength of life divine;
   draw us from earth to heaven till sin and sorrow cease,
   our thankfulness confessing in thy life-blood outpoured,
   for giving and forgiven, in love and joy and peace.

5. May we thy word believing thee through thy gifts receive,
   that, thou with in us living, we all to God may live;
   as thou art interceding for us in heav'n above,
   thy Church on earth is pleading thy perfect work of love.
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