

When Ridiculed, Rejoice

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Bridge

- When we wonder how God can bring bright salvation out of the world's dark judgments, remember that at this table, you feast on Christ crucified for your sins.
 - We feast with the King. We feast on the King. When this world ridicules us, let us rejoice.
 - In union with the King, we cease to worry about our own vindication for we are assured of the exhalation of our King.

Invitation

- Church, let us now reverently remember, joyfully celebrate, eagerly anticipate, and partake of the grace of God in Christ Jesus. Let us feast.

Partaking

- Come, receive the bread and wine
- In **Mark's** gospel we read:
- "And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, 'Take; this is my body' " (**Mark 14:22**).
 - Father, we joyfully thank you for the filling bread of Jesus Christ. We hunger. You satisfy. Amen.
- "And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, 'This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God' " (**Mark 14:23-25**).
 - Father, we joyfully thank you for the wine of the new covenant—Christ's blood. We thirst. You quench. Amen.

Celebration

- Now please join me in this word of celebration:

Praise we Him whose love divine,
Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast,
Christ the Lamb, Christ the Priest.

Hallelujah! Amen.

—Adapted from “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

Benediction

- Our benediction today comes from the book of ...
 - “Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.” (**Revelation 1:4b–6**).