

# We Share a Meal

## Gathering Rite

### Opening Song

“We Come to the Table,” *Songs of Celebration* CD, track 13.

### Procession

**Leader:** *Let us pray.  
Make the Sign of the Cross together.*

### Opening Prayer

**Leader:** *Loving God, you provide us with everything we need. We are your children. Through your Son, Jesus, we are united with you and one another as one family. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, strengthen us to bring life to others. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**All:** *Amen.*

### Celebration of the Word

**Leader:** *A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.*

**All:** *Glory to you, O Lord.  
Read John 30:35–58.*

**Leader:** *The Gospel of the Lord.*

**All:** *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.  
Sit silently.*

### Reflection

- What does the image of the Bread of Life suggest to you about your relationship with Jesus?

## Sharing a Meal

**Leader:** *Blessed are you, almighty Father,  
who give us our daily bread.  
Blessed is your only begotten Son,  
who continually feeds us with the Word  
of life.*

*Blessed is the Holy Spirit,  
who brings us together at this table  
of love.*

*Blessed be God now and forever.*

**All:** *Amen.*

*Book of Blessings, 1069*

**Leader:** *We give you thanks for all your gifts,  
almighty God, living and reigning now  
and forever.*

**All:** *Amen.*

*Book of Blessings, 1070*

**Leader:** *Let us offer each other the Sign of Peace.*

## Closing Prayer

**Leader:** *Loving God, we thank you for all the  
gifts of life that you have given us—for  
food, for families, for friends, and for the  
gift of your Son, Jesus. Help us to share  
these gifts of life with others. We ask this  
in the name of your Son, Jesus.*

**All:** *Amen.*

