

O Lord, at Your First Eucharist You Prayed

William H. Turton / SONG 1



1. O Lord, at your first Eucharist you prayed
that all your Church might be for ever one;
grant us at ev'ry Eucharist to say
with longing heart and soul, "Your will be done."
O may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest Sacrament of Unity.
2. For all your Church, O Lord, we intercede;
make all our sad divisions soon to cease;
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
by drawing all to you, O Prince of Peace;
thus may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest Sacrament of Unity.
3. We also pray for wand'ers from your fold;
O bring them back, Good Shepherd of the sheep,
back to the faith which saints believed of old,
back to the Church which still one faith does keep;
soon may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest Sacrament of Unity.
4. So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
may we be one with all your Church above,
one with your saints in one unbroken peace,
one with your saints in one unbounded love;
more blessed still, in peace and love to be
one with the Trinity in Unity.

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