

O Thou, Who at Thy Eucharist Didst Pray

William H. Turton / SONG 1



1. O thou who at thy Eucharist didst pray
that all thy Church might be for ever one;
grant us at ev'ry Eucharist to say
with longing heart and soul, "Thy will be done."
O may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.
2. For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
by drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;
thus may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.
3. We pray thee, too, for wand'ers from thy 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 that faith doth 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 thy Church above,
one with thy saints in undivided peace,
one with thy saints in one unbounded love;
more blessed still, in peace and love to be
one with the Trinity in Unity.

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