Delivering God, we call on you to fulfill your Advent promise. May waters break forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert; make a highway on which no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. Bring home those who are in exile; fill their hearts with singing and shower their heads with everlasting joy. Unite your church, clothe us with the fruits of your Spirit, and fill us with the hope of Advent, the substance of things hoped for and the knowledge of things unseen, until all bow before your throne and worship in your glory, ever one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen, amen, amen, as the light of light descendeth, that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

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God of blessing,
in Jesus you fill the hungry with good things.
You bestow mercy from generation to generation.
You show us the cost and glory of your salvation
in the breaking and pouring and sharing of bread and wine.
Send down your Holy Spirit,
that your people may be sanctified by your grace,
and these gifts of bread and wine may be for us
the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;
who, at supper with his disciples,
took bread,
gave you thanks,
broke the bread,
and gave it to them, saying,
“Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.”
After supper he took the cup.
Again he gave you thanks,
and gave it to his disciples, saying,
“Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.”
And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving,
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ’s offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith: