

“How Do We Stay in Close Communion?”

IN BABILONE Rev. Dr. Kate Winters, Belfast, ME 2020

(Tune of “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”)

Opening Verse

How do we stay / in close communion
in these days / of living far apart?
How do we know / each other’s longings?
How do we share / what we hold inside the heart?
In this time / of isolation,
midst the lone/liness and fear,
look to the love / and actions of Jesus,
forming the bond / that will keep us ever near.

Verse 2

Just as the sad / time came to leave them,
Jesus sat / at the table with his friends.
Showed them the way / to find grace among them,
strengthened their trust / in a love that never ends.
Take this bread, / it is my body!
Eat and make / it part of you.
When’ere it seems / there’s distance between us,
remember me / and my presence will break through.

Verse 3

So now we break / the bread of Jesus,
and as we raise / and we drink the blessed cup,
intimate here / is Christ’s very being,
bearing all hungry / and lonely people up.
In our homes / and in our churches,
outside ‘neath / the sacred sun,
Christ surrounds / us, weaving among us
ties of compas/sion that make of many one.

Final Verse

Becoming sa/cramental body,
even alone, / the Spirit sets us free
to know the joy / of sweet communion,
for in this meal, / I’m in you and you’re in me.
Live we now / profound connection,
even within / our solitude.
Celebrate / with glad thanksgiving,
through this meal / our bond renewed.

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