

# Our Blessing Cup

(Song of Fractioning and Communion)

Refrain: 1 Corinthians 10:16

Verses: Psalm 116: 1, 3, 5, 12-13, 15-16, 17-18

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**INTRO:**

Organ

C Dm7 Em7 Am Fmaj7 Em7 Dm7 Dm7/G

**\*REFRAIN: Assembly**

C Dm7 Em7 Am

Our — bless-ing cup — is a com - mun - ion — with the

**OPTIONAL DESCANT:**

**CHOIR:** 1,2,4, & 8. Ag - nus De - i, qui tol - lis, —

Our — bless-ing cup — is a com - mun - ion. with the

S.

A.

Our — bless - ing cup is a com - mun - ion with the

T.

B.

**VERSES:**

Melody

1. How can we make a re - turn

2. Pre - cious in - deed in your sight

3. Gra - cious and mer - ci - ful God,

4. For you have heard my — voice,

Harmony

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\*When used as a song of Fractioning and Communion, follow the format in the Composer's Notes.  
When used as a responsorial psalm, delete the Angus Dei descant.

# Composer's Notes

The text combines I Cor 10:16 and Ps 116 and is the responsorial for Holy Thursday. It can be performed in a *responsorial* pattern (refrain-verse-refrain), in an *ostinato* pattern (refrain and verses sung simultaneously) or in a combination of both as we did on the recording (we started in the *responsorial* pattern and halfway through switched into *ostinato*). When used in this way, the *Agnus Dei* descant should be deleted.

I added this descant so that the song could also function as a fractioning/communion song throughout the year. In this case, the music of the refrain begins quietly after the kiss of peace, accompanying the fractioning and the format is as follows:

- 1) cantor intones refrain, accompanied by 1st *Agnus Dei . . . miserere nobis* descant
- 2) assembly repeats refrain, accompanied by 2nd *Agnus Dei . . . miserere nobis* descant
- 3) cantor sings verse one
- 4) all sing refrain with 3rd *Agnus Dei . . . dona nobis pacem* descant
- 5) music quiets down for presider's: "This is the Lamb of God . . ." and assembly's: "Lord, I am not worthy . . . I shall be healed."
- 6) all sing refrain
- 7) cantor(s) sings verse two
- 8) refrain with cantor(s) singing verse three
- 9) refrain with cantor(s) singing verse four
- 10) final refrain with *Agnus Dei . . . dona nobis pacem* descant

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. It features a melody line in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The guitar chords are indicated above the melody line: Fmaj7, Em7, Dm7, and Dm7/G. The lyrics are written below the melody line. The score includes a descant section with four numbered options for the text.

Chords: Fmaj7, Em7, Dm7, Dm7/G

Lyrics:

blood of Christ; \_\_\_\_\_ and the  
 qui tol - lis \_\_\_\_\_ pec - ca - ta mun - di, \_\_\_\_\_  
 blood of Christ; \_\_\_\_\_ and the  
 blood of Christ; \_\_\_\_\_ and the

1. for all the good - ness God has shown?  
 2. the life and death of those you love.  
 3. we give you thanks and bless your name:  
 4. for you have heard my plead - ing.

C Em7 Am Am/G D7/F#

bread we break, \_\_\_\_\_ it is a shar - ing \_\_\_\_\_ in the

1,2. mi - se - re - re, mi - se - re - re,  
4,8. do - na no - bis, do - na no - bis,

bread we break, \_\_\_\_\_ it is a shar - ing \_\_\_\_\_ in the

bread we break is a shar - ing in the

1. We will take the cup of life, and \_\_\_\_\_  
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ are your ser - vants, for \_\_\_\_\_  
3. with \_\_\_\_\_ all your peo - ple, praise and  
4. Though \_\_\_\_\_ death sur - round - ed me, you \_\_\_\_\_

The musical score consists of a vocal line with lyrics, a piano accompaniment, and a grand staff. The lyrics are: "bread we break, \_\_\_\_\_ it is a shar - ing \_\_\_\_\_ in the". The piano accompaniment features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The grand staff includes a piano introduction and a grand staff with a treble and bass clef. The lyrics are: "1. We will take the cup of life, and \_\_\_\_\_", "2. We \_\_\_\_\_ are your ser - vants, for \_\_\_\_\_", "3. with \_\_\_\_\_ all your peo - ple, praise and", "4. Though \_\_\_\_\_ death sur - round - ed me, you \_\_\_\_\_". The piano accompaniment includes a grand staff with a treble and bass clef. The lyrics are: "1. We will take the cup of life, and \_\_\_\_\_", "2. We \_\_\_\_\_ are your ser - vants, for \_\_\_\_\_", "3. with \_\_\_\_\_ all your peo - ple, praise and", "4. Though \_\_\_\_\_ death sur - round - ed me, you \_\_\_\_\_".

1-7.

Dm7                      Dm7/G                      C                      D/C

bod - y                      of                      the                      Lord. \_\_\_\_\_

1,2. mi - se - re - re                      no - bis.  
4,8. do - na no - bis                      pa - cem.

bod - y                      of                      the                      Lord. \_\_\_\_\_

1. call                      up - on                      God's                      name. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. you                      have set                      us                      free. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. glo - ry to                      your                      name. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. heard                      and an - swered                      me. \_\_\_\_\_

1-7.

F/C C | **Final** Dm7 *ritard* Dm7/G

Our — bod - y of the

*ritard* do - na no - bis

*ritard* Our — bod - y of the

1. — (To Refrain)  
 2. — (To Verse 3 with Ostinato Refrain)  
 3. — (To Verse 4 with Ostinato Refrain)  
 4. — (To Refrain)

**Final**  
*ritard*

The musical score is arranged in two systems. The first system contains three vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The second system contains a piano accompaniment. The score includes lyrics and various musical markings such as tempo and dynamics.

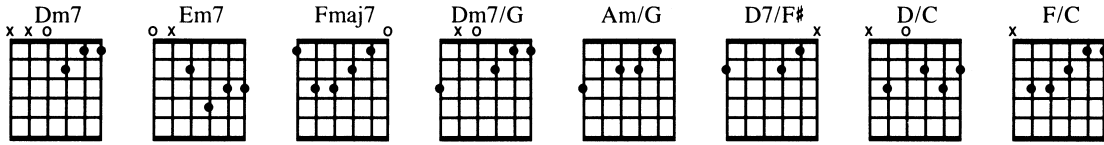
**System 1:**

- Vocal 1:** Treble clef, *a tempo*. Chords: C, D/C, F/C, C. Lyrics: Lord. \_\_\_\_\_
- Vocal 2:** Treble clef, *a tempo*. Lyrics: pa - cem. \_\_\_\_\_
- Vocal 3:** Treble clef, *a tempo*. Lyrics: Lord. \_\_\_\_\_
- Piano:** Treble and Bass clefs, *a tempo*. Chords: C, D/C, F/C, C.

**System 2:**

- Piano:** Treble and Bass clefs. Chords: D/C, F/C, C. Dynamics: *ritard*. Marking: *Fine*.

# Guitar Chord Charts



## Assembly Edition

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Vs Ps 116: 1, 3, 5, 12-13, 15-16, 17-18

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**REFRAIN:**

Our\_\_ bless-ing cup\_\_ is a com-mun-ion with the blood of Christ;\_\_  
\_\_ and the bread we break,\_\_ it is a shar-ing in the  
bod-y of the Lord. Our\_\_

1 Repeat first time only (or ostinato as desired) | 2-4 *Fine* to Verses

**VERSES:**

1. How can we make a re - turn for all the good - ness  
2. Pre-cious in - deed in your sight the life and death of  
3. Gra-cious and mer - ci - ful God, we give you thanks and  
4. For you have heard my\_\_ voice, for you have heard my

1. God has shown? We will take the cup of life, and\_\_  
2. those you love. We\_\_ are your ser - vants, for\_\_  
3. bless your name: with\_\_ all your peo - ple, praise and  
4. plead - ing. Though\_ death sur - round-ed me, you\_\_

to Refrain (or Verse if ostinato is sung)

1. call up - on God's name. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. you have set us free. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. glo - ry to your name. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. heard and an - swered me. \_\_\_\_\_

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