A Communion Hymn for Christmas 287

Unison

1. Gathered 'round Your table on this holy eve,
   View - ing Beth - lehem's stable we rejoice and grieve.
   Joy to see You lying in Your manger bed;
   Weep to see You dying in our sinful stead.

2. Prince of Glory, grac - ing Heav'n ere time began,
   Now for us embrac - ing death as Son of Man.
   By Your birth so low - ly, by Your love so true,
   By Your cross most holy, Lord, we worship You!

3. Beth - lehem's In - car - na - tion, Cal - v'ry's bit - ter cross,
   Wrought for us sal - va - tion by Your pain and loss.
   Now we fall be - fore You in this holy place;
   Pros - trate we a - dore You for Your gift of grace.

4. With profound est won - der we Your bod - y take -
   Laid in man - ger yon - der, bro - ken for our sake.
   Hushed in ad - o ra - tion we ap - proach the cup;
   Beth - lehem's pure ob - la - tion freely of - fered up.

5. Christ - mas Babe so ten - der, Lamb who bore our blame,
   How shall sinners ren - der prais - es due Your name?
   Do Your own good plea - sure in the lives we bring;
   In Your ran - somed trea - sure reign for - ever King!

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