Short Hymns for Meditation
After Communion

The Blessing Cup of Christ
Though We Are Many
Two Fish and Just Five Loaves

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Score for Unison Voices and Guitar
The Blessing Cup of Christ

The blessing cup of Christ we bless
and share the blood he shed.
We take his body for our own
and so by Christ are fed.

This feast prepared of finest wheat,
this cup that overflows.
We eat and drink at his command:
He comes who died and rose.

May we be worthy of his feast,
the covenant made new.
May we remember what we eat
and to his cup be true.

Tune: LEBANON, by Wm. Billings,
in Kentucky Harmony (1815)
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LEBANON, CM
by William Billings,

chords by Kyle Cothern, OSB

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Though We Are Many

Though we are man-y, Christ is one. The cen-ter and the sum.
When bro-ken for the Church to share, No one shall Christ di-vide.

He draws the man-y to him-self, And we to Christ must come.

As we are gathered in-to Christ, So shall our hearts ex-pand
May we who dare to eat and drink This food of right-eous-ness,
Though We Are Many

Though we are many, Christ is one:
The center and the sum.
He draws the many to himself,
And we to Christ must come.
As we are gathered into Christ
So shall our hearts expand
And love as Christ himself has loved,
Fulfilling his command.

When broken for the Church to share,
No one shall Christ divide.
He gives himself entire and whole:
The Bridegroom of the Bride.
May we who dare to eat and drink
This food of righteousness,
Be so conformed to Christ alone
We none but Christ confess.

Tune: FIDUCIA, attr. to Robertson
in Kentucky Harmony (1815)

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Two Fish and Just Five Loaves

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Music: RAPPAHANNOCK, C.M.D.
by Henry Bryan Hays, OSB

1. Two fish and just five loaves of bread the multitude once fed. Now bread he breaks to feed the multitude. Like
   has his body and his blood become our daily bread. How
   fish, may we be caught with Christ and with him be their food. Lord
   gracious is his gift of self whereby we are sustained. Its
   Jesus Christ and Son of God, our Savior glorified, stay

Music notation
Two Fish and Just Five Loaves

Two fish and just five loaves of bread
the multitude once fed.
Now has his body and his blood
become our daily bread.
How gracious is his gift of self
whereby we are sustained.
Its bounty, like the loaves and fish,
shall never be contained.

May we become the bread he breaks
to feed the multitude.
Like fish may we be caught with Christ
and with him be their food.
Lord Jesus Christ and Son of God,
our Savior glorified,
stay with us till we see your face
and so are sanctified.

Two Fish and Just Five Loaves
Eucharist

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