

The Meal Offering Church Life

The Church — Expressing Christ's Humanity

1. In Christ, two na - tures min - gled, The hu - man with di -
 vine; The Spir - it, thus com - pound - ed, Blent oil with flour fine To
 form a cake, an of - fering, First un - to God sup -
 plied; Then pie - ces fed the priest - hood; Thus both were sat - is -
 fied. **Chorus** (C) The meal of - fering church life That we en - joy to - day Is
 sat - is - fy - ing God with Christ And nour - ish - ing us with Christ for aye.

2. Like Christ, the church is mingled
 With Christ's humanity,
 Included in the Spirit,
 In life essentially.
 The content of the church life,
 Both excellent and fine,
 Is Spirit-filled and living.
 'Tis God and man combined.

3. The church, Christ's reproduction,
 Meets God's need corporately
 As we express Christ's essence,
 His dear humanity,
 His fragrant resurrection,
 His living by the cross;
 Rejecting honey, leaven,
 Accounting them but loss.

4. The taste of salt preserves us;
 'Tis salt that we prefer;
 The cross is in the Spirit,
 It's termination sure.
 Here, salt kills all corruption,
 Preserving what is pure,
 And brings in resurrection
 As we our spirits stir.

5. The cake of this meal offering,
 Christ's human life supplied,
 Bears resurrection's fragrance
 As frankincense ascribed.
 The cross with resurrection
 In Christ's humanity,
 Within the compound Spirit,
 Is our reality.

6. The life we live in spirit
 The meetings here display
 As we present our offering
 And God to man convey.
 The atmosphere of feasting
 A testimony bears—
 God has received His portion
 And with us all He shares.

7. The fullness of the mingling,
 Where God and man are one,
 Is worked out in our living
 As we enjoy the Son!
 The consummate enlargement—
 God fully blent with man—
 Is still a cake for feasting!
 The New Jerusalem!