

## Communion

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### Abstract

*The poem, "Communion," comes from my Christian experience studying denominations. It works through allusions to various Christian traditions, as the Catholic, Lutheran, Reformed, and Baptist churches have different views of its meaning and effectiveness. I hope it encourages people to reflect on the sacrifice of Christ and His second coming.*

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Abstain again, Attend again:  
Broken body for bread,  
Chalice dripping for the Christian,  
Devine one three days dead,  
Eucharist everyone else eats.  
Forsake instead of feed:  
God's grape-graven presence that greets,  
Healing for gnawing need.  
Is not this image enough of  
Jesus; of just Jesus' love.