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## *Members of One Holy Body*

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*Tune: AR HYD Y NOS (LSB 877, 922) or EAST ACKLAM by Francis Jackson (b.1917)*

1. Members of one holy body,  
Christ as our head.

We who feast on his true body  
Share in one bread.

Christ's true presence, God locating,  
Diff'rence met by congregating.  
Christ between us, mediating,  
knits us like thread.

2. Chosen people, called to Zion,  
from Abraham.

They are promised Judah's lion,  
Passover lamb.

We are grafted on that old tree,  
branches from the root of Jesse.  
Now by faith we join their story,  
Praise to I AM!

3. Gathered 'round both Word and Mystery,  
all who believe.

Here we share and learn our history,  
faith to receive.

We his church as sisters, brothers,  
share as one Christ's love for others.  
When we bear with one another,  
burdens relieve.

4. God's Salvation, found among us,  
His own household.

Death's blunt sting will not remove us,  
Sheep of his fold

From beyond the end of endings,  
Calls the Bride of Christ, descending  
with the Spirit, kinship mending:  
"Come and behold!"



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