

## NATIVITY SCENE OF ADORATION ANBETUNGSKRIPPE



Sunlight flooding through church windows, before me a low bench to kneel on ...  
And in front of the church a grotto:  
Jesus in Gethsemane: wrestling in prayer with the Father.

My thoughts turn on a certain Negro-Spirituals:

**"When I fall down on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me!"**

The Strophes:

"|: Let us break bread together with the Lord. :|  
|: Let us drink wine together with the Lord. :|  
|: Let us praise God together with the Lord. :|"

Let us break bread together... When I fall down on my knees...

This hymn refers to a text from the first letter of Paul's to the Corinthians  
(1. Corinthians 11, 23 -26):

23 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." 25 In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26 For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death *until he comes*.

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