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Standing between the sacraments,
hostess with host,
I lift the cup of communion:
union, communal, community
come.

Come. Drink life.
Bring life. Live life.
Come to my table.
Sit at my table.
Learn from my table:
Eat sacrifice.
Go, invite, lead, serve.

Blood of Christ,
red-celled platelet blood
like mine, only more.

Shed for me: not daughter, but child.

Taut veins pulse
under the weight of the cup.
Blood cleansed by its contents
poured out, I will pour out, too.

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