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# Bread for the World

## *An Informal Eucharist*

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Introit    O God of mercy    *Simon Lole*

O God of mercy, God of might,  
in love and pity infinite,  
teach us, as ever in thy sight,  
to live our life to thee.  
In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,  
whate'er it be, 'tis ours to share;  
may we, where help is needed,  
there give us help as unto thee.  
And may thy Holy Spirit move  
all those who live, to live in love,  
till thou shalt greet in heav'n above  
all those who give to thee.

*Godfrey Tring (1823-1903)*

Welcome and Opening Prayers    *Revd Catherine Duce*

Creator God,  
Come to us, in the difference of every life gathered  
Come to us in song  
Come to us in word  
Come to us in stillness and silence  
Come to us in our care for one another  
Come to us in bread and wine  
Come to us in flesh and blood  
Reach out across time  
Be present in all time.

*All*    **Amen**

**All** Come Jesus, be our guest,  
stay with us for day is ending.  
With friend, with stranger,  
with the young and old,  
with the lost and found.  
Be among us tonight.  
Our guest, our host,  
The one who says all – all are welcome here.

## Opening Hymn

- 1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.  
*Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.*
- 2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice.  
*Chorus*
- 3 Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
Making your kingdom come.  
*Chorus*

*Bernadette Farrell (born 1957)*

## The Prisons Week Prayer

*All* Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ in his strength and in his Spirit, now and every day. Amen

### Prayers for Forgiveness

God of life, you know the secret thoughts of every heart. We lay before you our complex lives trusting in your infinite mercy and love.

*Silence is kept.*

We make God's love too narrow with a strictness God does not own

Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord have mercy.**

Your word is a lamp to our feet yet we are fearful and distracted

Christ, have mercy.

*All* **Christ have mercy.**

You gift us with imagination and creativity yet we use it for our own gain

Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord have mercy.**

And Jesus said "Your sins are forgiven"

In the Name of the Father who created you and waits to welcome you home, in the name of the Son who searches for you, in the name of the Spirit who brings the healing of forgiveness and calls you to do the same, you have been set free.

**All Amen**

Words on the Edge Matthew 25:31- 45 *read by Carol Ashby*

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family,[g] you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'

The City is my Monastery p.75ff *read by Richard Carter*

Reflection *Alasdair Mackenzie from London Prison Mission*

Anthem *Amazing grace*

Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come:  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

*John Newton (1725-1807)*

Prayers

Prayer of Thanksgiving *led by Yvonne Craig*

Prayer of Concern *led by Raymond Hayter (recorded)*

Prayer of Hope *led by David Jones*

*Each prayer ends with 'We pray to you'.*

## Prayer Chant Jesus, remember me



## Sharing of the Peace

God is love and those who live in love, live in God, and God lives in them.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

## Gathering Hymn

- 1 Jesus Christ is waiting,  
waiting in the streets;  
no one is his neighbour,  
all alone he eats.  
Listen, Lord Jesus,  
I am lonely too.  
Make me, friend or stranger,  
fit to wait on you.

*continued...*

- 2 Jesus Christ is raging,  
raging in the streets,  
where injustice spirals  
and real hope retreats.  
Listen, Lord Jesus  
I am angry too.  
In the Kingdom's causes  
let me rage with you.
- 3 Jesus Christ is healing,  
healing in the streets;  
curing those who suffer,  
touching those he greets.  
Listen, Lord Jesus,  
I have pity too.  
Let my care be active,  
healing, just like you.
- 4 Jesus Christ is dancing,  
dancing in the streets,  
where each sign of hatred  
he, with love, defeats.  
Listen, Lord Jesus  
I should triumph too.  
On suspicion's graveyard  
let me dance with you.
- 5 Jesus Christ is calling,  
calling in the streets,  
'Who will join my journey?  
I will guide their feet.'  
Listen, Lord Jesus,  
let my fears be few.  
Walk one step before me;  
I will follow you.

*John L Bell (born 1949) and Graham Maule (1958-2019)*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

*All* **And also with you**

*Together we pray:*

*All* **Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free, and fill each one of us with your love from on high. Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast at your table with all your saints.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray in our first language the prayer our Saviour taught us:

*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

Look, Jesus Christ, the Bread of Heaven is broken for the life of the world. The gifts of God for the people of God

*All* **Jesus Bread of Life, Bread which is broken, Bread for the world.**



## Communion Anthem    By the grace of the Spirit    *Andrew Gant*

By the grace of the Spirit we find God in the mist of dawn,  
in the shadows of the forest, in the leaping of the fawn.  
We discover in hushed moments God's own pure serenity,  
and we sing Alleluia.

By the grace of the Spirit we find God in music's air  
as both song and joyous anthem bind our hearts in concord rare.  
In the melodies of grateful praise we define God's sanctity,  
and we sing Alleluia.

By the grace of the Spirit we find God in Bethlehem's stall,  
in Epiphany, in passion, on the Cross Christ bore for all.  
We acknowledge the ascension of the blessed Lamb of God,  
and we sing Alleluia.

By the grace of the Spirit we exalt the Father's name  
when we validate in mission full redemption through Christ's claim.  
May the counsel of the Spirit guide us in God's holy way  
as we sing Alleluia.

*Evelyn Miller*

## Prayer after Communion

*All*    **God of hope, show us how to be a people that live your  
reconciling love in the world, so that we may recognise your  
presence in those we meet, and our hearts like those first  
disciples may burn within us upon the road.**

## Notices

## Thanksgiving Hymn

- 1 **Make me a channel of your peace.**  
**Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.**  
**Where there is injury your pardon, Lord.**  
**And where there's doubt true faith in you.**  
***Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek***  
***so much to be consoled as to console,***  
***to be understood as to understand,***  
***to be loved, as to love with all my soul.***
- 2 **Make me a channel of your peace.**  
**Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.**  
**Where there is darkness only light,**  
**and where there's sadness ever joy.**  
***Refrain***
- 3 **Make me a channel of your peace.**  
**It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,**  
**in giving unto all that we receive,**  
**and in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

*Sebastian Temple (1928-1997)*

## Blessing

Go simply, lightly, gently,  
Go with obedience.  
Go with love.  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and for ever.

**All Amen**

## Blessing Anthem    An Irish Blessing    *Bob Chilcott*

May the road rise up to meet you,  
may the wind be ever at your back.  
may the sun shine warm upon your face;  
and the rain fall soft upon your fields,  
and until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

*Traditional*

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**Thank you.**

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