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# Bread for the World

## *An Informal Eucharist*

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Introit    King of Glory    *Grayston Ives*

*Recorded by the Choral Scholars of St Martin-in-the-Fields*

King of glory, King of peace,  
I will love thee;  
and that love may never cease,  
I will move thee.  
Thou hast granted my request,  
thou hast heard me;  
thou didst note my working breast,  
thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art  
I will sing thee,  
and the cream of all my heart  
I will bring thee.  
Though my sins against me cried,  
thou didst clear me;  
and alone, when they replied,  
thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven,  
I will praise thee;  
in my heart, though not in heaven,  
I can raise thee.  
Small it is, in this poor sort  
to enroll thee:  
e'en eternity's too short  
to extol thee.

*Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)*

## Welcome and Opening Prayers    *Revd Richard Carter*

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

*Recorded by Hilary Cronin, St Martin's Voices Soloist*

- 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.  
*Refrain*

*continued...*

3 Many the gift, many the people  
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another  
Making Your kingdom come.  
*Refrain*

*Bernadette Farrell (born 1957)*

## Prayers of 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.*

Time is a gift from you O God and yet we commodify and control it

Lord, have mercy.  
*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

Time is a gift to be given away and shared O God yet we diminish it  
by our greed

Christ, have mercy.  
*All* **Christ, have mercy.**

You are the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the  
Beginning and the End

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 John 1. 1-14 *read by Annie Lattul, Recorded*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

### Reflection *Revd Catherine Duce*

Anthem Take this moment *John Bell*  
*Recorded by Nils Greenhow, St Martin's Voices Soloist*

Take this moment, sign and space;  
take my friends around;  
here among us make the place  
where your love is found.

Take the time to call my name,  
take the time to mend  
who I am and what I've been,  
all I've failed to tend.

Take the tiredness of my days,  
take my past regret,  
letting your forgiveness touch  
all I can't forget.

*continued...*

Take the little child in me  
scared of growing old;  
help me here to find my worth  
made in Christ's own mould.

Take my talents, take my skills,  
take what's yet to be;  
let my life be yours, and yet  
let it still be me.

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

## Prayers

Prayer of Thanksgiving *led by Christian Saguyan*

Prayer of Concern *led by Janina Mallari, Recorded*

Prayer of Hope *led by Pablo Assab, Recorded*

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

Prayer Chant In the Lord I'll be ever thankful  
*Recorded by St Martin's Voices*

## 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

*Record by St Martin's Voices*

- 1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,  
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
- 2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
- 3 Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
- 4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

*Jan Struther (1901-1953)*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

*All* **And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

*All* **We lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*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    Open thou mine eyes    *John Rutter*  
*Recorded by St Martin's Voices*

Open thou mine eyes and I shall see,  
Incline my heart and I shall desire,  
Order my steps and I shall walk  
In the ways of thy commandments.

O Lord God, be thou to me a God  
And beside thee let there be none else,  
No other, nought else with thee.  
Vouchsafe to me to worship thee  
and serve thee  
According to thy commandments  
In truth of spirit,  
In reverence of body,  
In blessing of lips,  
In private and in public.

*Lancelot Andrewes (1555-1626)*

## Prayer after Communion

***All*    Father of all, we give thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Notices



# Thanksgiving Hymn

*Recorded by the Choral Scholars of St Martin-in-the-Fields*

- 1 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,  
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,  
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.
- 2 Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,  
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.
- 3 Lord, for our land, in this our generation,  
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;  
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.
- 4 Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,  
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;  
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,  
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.
- 5 Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,  
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;  
past put behind us, for the future take us,  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

*Timothy Dudley-Smith (born 1926)*

## 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***  
*Recorded by Hilary Cronin, St Martin's Voices Soloist*

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.

*Words: Traditional*



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