



Wednesday 18 August 2021

Bread for the World

An Informal Eucharist

Introit

Here in this place new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away,
see in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in—the lost and forsaken,
gather us in—the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young—our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old—who yearn for your face,
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in—the rich and the haughty,
Gather us in—the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Marty Haugen (born 1952)

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 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 The kingdom of God
Is justice and joy,
For Jesus restores
What sin would destroy;
God's power and glory
In Jesus we know,
And here and hereafter
The kingdom shall grow.**
- 2 The kingdom of God
Is mercy and grace,
The lepers are cleansed,
The sinners find place,
The outcast are welcomed
God's banquet to share,
And hope is awakened
In place of despair.**

3 The kingdom of God
Is challenge and choice,
Believe the good news,
Repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners
Brought Christ to his cross,
Our crisis of judgement
For gain or for loss.

4 God's kingdom is come,
The gift and the goal,
In Jesus begun,
In heaven made whole;
The heirs of the kingdom
Shall answer his call,
And all things cry glory
To God all in all!

Bryn Rees (1911-1983)

Prayers of Forgiveness

God longs to be with us. But we often live in alienation from God, ourselves, one another and God's creation. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

Because the world is beautiful but beauty is easily destroyed, we need you.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Because we often abandon you and turn away and walk past and are afraid and countless times betray you but you love us to the end and win a victory over all hatred, we need you.

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Because we have your message to proclaim, because we have your

kingdom to build, because there are so many in need of your love,
because we have your life to live.

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 5:13-16 *read by Ben Sheridan*

Jesus said 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.

No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Reflection *Christian Saguyan*

Anthem You are the salt of the earth, O people *Marty Haugen*

You are the salt of the earth, O people:

Salt for the Kingdom of God!

Share the flavour of life, O people:

Life in the kingdom of God!

Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,

bring forth the Kingdom of peace;

bring forth the Kingdom of justice,

bring forth the City of God!

You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the Kingdom of God!
Chorus

You are a seed of the Word, O people:
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
Grow in the Kingdom of God!
Chorus

We are a blest and a pilgrim people:
Bound for the Kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
Love is the Kingdom of God!
Chorus

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Prayers

Prayer of Thanksgiving *led by Annie Lattul*
Prayer of Concern *led by Liz Marsh*
Prayer of Hope *led by Phyllis SantaMaria*
Each prayer ends with 'We pray to you'.

Prayer Chant The Lord is my light *Taizé*

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation
in God I trust, in God I trust.

Sharing of the Peace

God of eternal peace, who offers the gift of peace and whose children are the peacemakers; pour your peace into our hearts, that conflict and anger may cease. Peace is the gift of the Risen Christ.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Let us offer each other a sign of that peace.

Gathering Hymn

- 1 **Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;
brothers and sisters, with one voice
let the world know he is your choice.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 4 **O Christian women, Christian men,
all the world over, seek again
the way disciples followed then.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 5 **Christ through all ages is the same:
place the same hope in his great name;
with the same faith his word proclaim.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 6 **Let Love's unconquerable might
your scattered companies unite
in service to the Lord of light.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**7 So shall God's will on earth be done,
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,
and the whole Church at last be one.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

George K A Bell (1883–1958)

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 in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for 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.

Solo O Light of Life! *Mack Wilberg*

O Light of Life! O pure Light Divine!
Thou art in us; Our ember is Thine.
Kindle our faith, Give hope when we fear,
Deepen our love- Thy fire appear!
Light of our souls, Thou spark at our birth
Grow bright in us, Shine in all the earth!

O Light of Life! O true Light of Peace!
Storms will arise, Let Thy light increase.
Pierce through dark clouds, Give pause to the proud,
Let Thy shafts fall, Lift humble heads bowed.
Answer our pleas, Melt hearts in Thy flame.
Make us as one-As one in Thy name.

O Light of Life! O sweet Light of Grace!
Thou bidst us come, We follow apace.
On through the night, Walk with us we pray.
Lead us to dawn, Thy merciful way.

O Light of Life! O dear Light of Love!
Come, wash us clean, Send forth Thy white Dove!
Fill us with Fire, Enlighten our eyes;
Help us to love- 'Tis price of the prize.
Then let us come, Enrobe us in white.
Cleaving to Thee, Light unto Thy Light.

Light unto Light, O Light of Life!
Amen.

David Warner

Prayer after Communion

All Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Word for us to speak, You are the Truth for us to tell; You are the Light for us to light in the darkness, You are the Bread of Life for us to share.

Notices

Thanksgiving Hymn

- 1 Thou whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the Gospel-day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.**
- 2 Thou, who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
let there be light.**
- 3 Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move on the water's face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.**
- 4 Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide
let there be light.**

John Marriott (1780-1825), Thomas Raffles (1788-1863)

Blessing

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

All **Amen**

Blessing Anthem

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

The light that shines is the light of love,
lights the darkness from above,
it shines on me and it shines on you,
and shows what the power of love can do.
I'm gonna shine my light both far and near,
I'm gonna shine my light both bright and clear.
Where there's a dark corner in this land
I'm gonna let my little light shine.

Chorus

On Monday he gave me the gift of love,
Tuesday peace came from above.
On Wednesday he told me to have more faith,
on Thursday he gave me a little more grace.
On Friday he told me to watch and pray,
on Saturday he told me just what to say,
on Sunday he gave me the pow'r divine
to let my little light shine.

Chorus

Anonymous

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