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# Bread for the World

## *An Informal Eucharist*

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Introit I'll be on my way *Kirchner*

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 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 My song is love unknown,  
my Saviour's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown,  
that they might lovely be.  
O who am I,  
that for my sake  
my Lord should take  
frail flesh, and die?**

*continued...*

- 2** He came from his blest throne,  
salvation to bestow;  
but all made strange, and none  
the longed-for Christ would know.  
But O, my Friend,  
my Friend indeed,  
who at my need  
his life did spend.
- 3** Sometimes they strew his way,  
and his sweet praises sing;  
resounding all the day  
hosannas to their King.  
Then 'Crucify!'  
is all their breath,  
and for his death  
they thirst and cry.
- 4** They rise, and needs will have  
my dear Lord made away;  
a murderer they save,  
the Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful he  
to suffering goes,  
that he his foes  
from thence might free.
- 5** Here might I stay and sing:  
no story so divine;  
never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like thine!  
This is my Friend,  
in whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
could gladly spend.

*Samuel Crossman (c.1624-1683)*

## 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 Psalm 98

O sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvellous things.

His right hand and his holy arm  
have gained him victory.

The Lord has made known his victory;  
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the victory of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

*continued...*

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who live in it.  
Let the floods clap their hands;  
let the hills sing together for joy  
at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming  
to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.

Reflection Alexander MacLaren - Sing to the Lord a new song

Anthem The Lord is my light Nix

Prayers

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayer of Concern

Prayer of Hope

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

Prayer Chant O Lord hear my prayer



O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer,  
when I call ans - wer me. O Lord hear my prayer, O  
Lord hear my prayer, come and lis - ten to me.

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.

*As the congregation sings, all are invited to gather around the altar.*

## Gathering Hymn

- 1 **Alleluia! sing to Jesus,  
his the sceptre, his the throne;  
alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone.  
Hark, the songs of holy Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
Jesus out of every nation  
hath redeemed us by his blood.**
- 2 **Alleluia! Not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us,  
faith believes, nor questions how,  
though the clouds from sight received him  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
'I am with you evermore'?**
- 3 **Alleluia! Bread of heaven,  
thou on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! here the sinful  
flee to thee from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.**
- 4 **Alleluia! sing to Jesus,  
his the sceptre, his the throne;  
alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone.  
Hark, the songs of holy Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
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*William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)*

## 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 each in our own preferred 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.**

Communion Anthem *Wade in the water arr. Hogan*

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

**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace,  
and the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you.  
There'll be shouts of joy and the trees of the field  
shall clap, shall clap their hands,  
and the trees of the field shall clap their hands,  
and the trees of the field shall clap their hands,  
and the trees of the field shall clap their hands,  
and you'll go out with joy.**

*Stuart Dauermann (born 1944)*

## 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    How can I keep from singing    *Quartel*

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