

# Bread for the World

## *An Informal Eucharist*

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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 **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 Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.**

***Chorus***

**4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stones.**

***Chorus***

**5 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)*

### 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 Jeremiah 29:10-14

For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfil to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

## Reflection John Plummer and Angela Sheard

Anthem *Amazing Grace* arr. Will Todd

## Prayers

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayer of Concern

Prayer of Hope

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

Prayer Chant *God is forgiveness*



God is for-give-ness. Dare to for-give and God will be with you.



God is for-give-ness. Love and do not fear.

## 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 **Just as I am, without one plea  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidst me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**
- 2 **Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**
- 3 **Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**
- 4 **Just as I am (thy love unknown  
has broken every barrier down),  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**
- 5 **Just as I am, of that free love  
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
here for a season, then above,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

*Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871)*

## 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 Dear Lord and Father of mankind  
*Parry arr. H. A. Chambers*

## 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** The Spirit lives to set us free,  
walk, walk in the light.  
He binds us all in unity,  
walk, walk in the light.  
*Walk in the light, walk in the light,  
walk in the light, walk in the light of the Lord*

**2** Jesus promised life to all,  
walk, walk in the light.  
The dead were wakened by his call,  
walk, walk in the light.  
*Chorus*

**3** He died in pain on Calvary,  
walk, walk in the light,  
to save the lost like you and me,  
walk, walk in the light.  
*Chorus*

**4** We know his death was not the end,  
walk, walk in the light.  
He gave his Spirit to be our friend,  
walk, walk in the light.  
*Chorus*

**5** By Jesus' love our wounds are healed,  
walk, walk in the light.  
The Father's kindness is revealed,  
walk, walk in the light.  
*Chorus*

**6** The Spirit lives in you and me,  
walk, walk in the light.  
His light will shine for all to see,  
walk, walk in the light.  
*Chorus*

*Damian Lundy (1940–1997)*

## 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 A prayer of Desmond Tutu *James Whitbourn*

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