

Bread for the World

An Informal Eucharist

Introit All creatures of our God and King *William Harris*

Welcome and Opening Prayers Revd Janet Allan

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 **All creatures of our God and King
lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, alleluia.
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
*O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***
- 2 **Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, alleluia.
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice;
*Chorus***

**3 Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, alleluia.
the flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
let them his glory also show:
*Chorus***

**4 Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness;
O praise him, alleluia.
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One;
*Chorus***

*William Henry Draper (1855-1933) based on Laudato sii, O me signore St Francis of
Assisi's Canticle of the Sun*

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 2 Corinthians 4:7-end

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—'I believed, and so I spoke'—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

Reflection Revd Richard Carter

Anthem The cross is my refuge *Stephen DeCesare*

Prayers

Canticle of the Sun - St Francis of Assisi

Each prayer ends with 'We pray to you'

Prayer Chant In the Lord I'll be ever thankful

The image shows three staves of musical notation for a prayer chant. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re-' are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody with a triplet of eighth notes marked with a bracket and the number '3'. The lyrics 'joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid; lift up your' are written below. The third staff concludes the phrase with the lyrics 'voic - es the Lord is near; lift up your voic - es the Lord is near.' The notation includes various note values, rests, and a final double bar line.

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 **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). Prayer of St Francis dedicated to Mrs Frances Tracy

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 Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace
John Rutter

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 Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the King of creation;
praise God, my soul, for in him are your health and salvation;
come all who hear,
into his presence draw near,
joining in glad adoration.**
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who in all things is wondrously reigning,
shields you from harm and is gently yet firmly sustaining.
Have you not seen
how your heart's wishes have been
granted by God's wise ordaining?**
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who with blessing and power will defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you;
ponder anew
what the almighty can do,
God will for ever befriend you.**
- 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
sound from God's people again:
gladly for ever adore him.**

Joachim Neander (1650-1680), Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

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 Peace I leave with you *Amy Beach*

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