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# Bread for the World

## *An Informal Eucharist*

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Introit Walk humbly with your God Malcolm Archer

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** **Blest are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see our God;  
the secret of the Lord is theirs,  
their soul is Christ's abode.**
- 2** **The Lord who left the heavens  
our life and peace to bring,  
to dwell in lowliness with us,  
our pattern and our king.**
- 3** **Still to the lowly soul  
he doth himself impart  
and for his dwelling and his throne  
chooseth the pure in heart.**

*continued...*

**4 Lord, we thy presence seek;  
may ours this blessing be:  
give us a pure and lowly heart,  
a temple meet for thee.**

*vv 1 and 3 John Keble (1792-1866) and vv 2 and 4 William John Hall (1793-1861)*

## 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 Luke 1.46-55

And Mary said,  
'My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Reflection Revd Richard Carter Preparation for Lent

Anthem Magnificat (from the Short Service) Gibbons

## Prayers

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayer of Concern

Prayer of Hope

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

Prayer Chant Take, O take me as I am



Take, oh, take me as I am: sum-mon out what I shall be;



set your seal up-on my heart and live in 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 From heaven you came, helpless babe,  
entered our world, your glory veiled;  
not to be served but to serve,  
and give Your life that we might live.**

***This is our God, the Servant King,  
he calls us now to follow Him,  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the Servant King.***

**2 There in the garden of tears,  
my heavy load he chose to bear;  
his heart with sorrow was torn,  
'Yet not My will but Yours,' He said.**

***Refrain***

**3 Come see His hands and His feet,  
the scars that speak of sacrifice;  
hands that flung stars into space  
to cruel nails surrendered.**

***Refrain***

**4 So let us learn how to serve,  
and in our lives enthrone Him;  
each other's needs to prefer,  
for it is Christ we're serving.**

***Refrain***

*Graham Kendrick (born 1950)*

## 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 Walk softly Bob Chilcott

## 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 **Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace  
to let you be my servant, too.**
- 2 **We are pilgrims on a journey,  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.**
- 3 **I will hold the Christlight for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.**
- 4 **I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.**
- 5 **When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.**
- 6 **Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace  
to let you be my servant, too.**

*Richard Gillard (born 1953)*

## 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    St. Richard's Prayer    Joanna Forbes  
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