
Bread for the World

An Informal Eucharist

A Service for Interfaith Week

Introit Unless a grain of wheat shall fall *Bernadette Farrell*

*Unless a grain of wheat shall fall
upon the ground and die,
it remains but a single grain
with no life.*

If we have died with him
then we shall live with him;
if we hold firm
we shall reign with him.

Refrain

If anyone serves me,
then they must follow me;
wherever I am my
servants will be.

Refrain

Make your home in me
as I make mine in you;
those who remain in me
bear much fruit.

Refrain

If you remain in me
and my word lives in you;
then you will be my
disciples.

Refrain

Those who love me are
loved by my Father;
we shall be with them
and dwell in them.

Refrain

continued...

Peace I leave with you,
my peace I give to you;
peace which the world cannot
give is my gift.

Refrain

Bernadette Farrell (born 1957)

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 the 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 Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
*Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.***

continued...

- 2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,
thinking that never he would wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.
- 3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain,
quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.
- 4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
thy touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872–1958)

Prayers for 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 8: 4-15

When a great crowd gathered and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold." As he said this, he called out, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"

Reflection Nicola Collett The Work of Thich Nhat Hanh

Anthem Benedictus from 'The Armed Man: Mass for Peace'
Karl Jenkins

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Prayers

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayer of Concern

Prayer of Hope

Each prayer ends with 'We pray to you'.

Prayer Chant

Em G/D Am/C D Em C B7

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me. O

5 Em G/D Am/C D Em B7 Em Last Time

Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O

Sharing of the Peace

God is love and those who live in love, live in God, and God lives in them.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Gathering Hymn

- 1** There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgement given.

- 2** For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind,
and the heart of the eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify his strictness
with a zeal he would not own.

- 3** There is plentiful redemption
through the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the head.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.

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4 If our love were but more simple
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be all gladness
in the joy of Christ our Lord.

Frederick William Faber (1814-1863)

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.**

Communion Anthem One Bread, One Body *John Foley*

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more.

Chorus

Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.

Chorus

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all.

Chorus

John B. Foley (born 1939) based on 1 Cor 10:12, Galatians 3, Didache 9

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 Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;
brothers and sisters, with one voice
let the world know he is your choice.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

continued...

**2 O magnify the Lord, and raise
anthems of joy and holy praise
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**3 They with a faith for ever new
followed the King, and round him drew
thousands of servants brave and true.
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)

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 I've got peace like a river
arr *Mary McDonald*

I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

Peace like a river in my soul,
A river down in my soul;
Got peace like a river in my soul,

I've got joy like a fountain
Flowing deep in my soul,
Joy like a fountain gonna overflow.

I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
Love like an ocean in my soul;
Joy like a fountain gonna overflow;
Peace like a river in my soul.

I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul,
Peace like a river flowing deep in my soul.

*Traditional from Romans 15.13, Galatians 5.22, Colossians 3.15, Philippians 1.9,
Thessalonians 3.12 & Peter 1.8.*

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