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# Bread for the World

## *An Informal Eucharist*

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Introit Lead, kindly light – Howard Goodall

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 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 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 Hebrews 13.1-3

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

**Reflection** Revd Jonathan Aitken - Life as a Prisoner and as a Prison Chaplain.

**Anthem** Amazing Grace – 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*

## Gathering Hymn

- 1 **Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
Forgive our foolish ways;  
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;  
In purer lives thy service find,  
In deeper reverence, praise.**
- 2 **In simple trust like theirs who heard  
Beside the Syrian sea  
The gracious calling of the Lord,  
Let us, like them, without a word  
Rise up and follow thee.**
- 3 **O sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
The silence of eternity,  
Interpreted by love!**
- 4 **With that deep hush subduing all  
Our words and works that drown  
The tender whisper of thy call,  
As noiseless let thy blessing fall  
As fell thy manna down.**
- 5 **Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
Till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of thy peace.**
- 6 **Breathe through the heats of our desire  
Thy coolness and thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
Speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,  
O still small voice of calm!**

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807–1892)

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*All* The Lord be with you  
**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 Agnus Dei – Karl Jenkins

## 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 God is working his purpose out as year succeeds to year,  
God is working his purpose out, and the time is drawing near;  
nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.**

- 2 From farthest east to farthest west, where human feet have trod,  
by the voice of many messengers goes forth the voice of God,  
'Give ear to me, you continents, you islands, give ear to me,  
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover  
the sea.'**
- 3 Let us go forth in the strength of God, with the banner of Christ  
unfurled,  
That the light of the glorious gospel of truth may shine throughout  
the world:  
let us all fight with sorrow and sin, to set their captives free,  
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God, as the waters  
cover the sea.**
- 4 All that we do can have no worth, unless God bless the deed;  
vainly we hope for the harvest-tide, till God gives life to the seed;  
yet nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God, as the waters  
cover the sea.**

Arthur Campbell Ainger (1841-1919)

## 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 want Jesus to walk with me – arr. Larry  
Shackley



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