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# Bread for the World

## *An Informal Eucharist*

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Introit    Fairest Lord Jesus    Silesian folk song arr. Martin How

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    Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us  
for we have no help but thee;  
yet possessing every blessing,  
if our God our Father be.**

**2    Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;  
all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before us,  
thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
lone and dreary, faint and weary,  
through the desert thou didst go.**

*Continued...*



**3 Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy:  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.**

*James Edmeston (1791-1867)*

## 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, we need you.

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 4:1-12

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the



Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone." ' Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." ' Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." ' Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

Mark 14:3-9

While [Jesus] was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger, 'Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.' And they scolded her. But Jesus said, 'Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.'

Reflection    Thresholds, Temptations and Belovedness  
Mirjam Ngoy-Verhage

Anthem    The Father's Song    Matt Redman



# 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 **My song is love unknown,  
my Saviour's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown,  
that they might lovely be.  
O who am I,  
that for my sake  
my Lord should take  
frail flesh, and die?**

*Continued...*



**2     He came from his blest throne,  
salvation to bestow;  
but men made strange, and none  
the longed-for Christ would know.  
But O, my Friend,  
my Friend indeed,  
who at my need  
his life did spend.**

**3     Sometimes they strew his way,  
and his sweet praises sing;  
resounding all the day  
hosannas to their King.  
Then 'Crucify!'  
is all their breath,  
and for his death  
they thirst and cry.**

**4     Here might I stay and sing:  
no story so divine;  
never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like thine!  
This is my Friend,  
in whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
could gladly spend.**

*Samuel Crossman (1624-1684)*

### **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   Love bade me welcome   Geoff Weaver

## 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 Love is his word, love is his way,  
feasting with kin, fasting alone,  
living and dying, rising again,  
love, only love, is his way.  
*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:  
better than splendour and wealth.*
- 2 Love is his sign, love is his news,  
'Do this,' he said, 'lest you forget  
all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood,'  
love, only love, is his news.  
*Chorus*
- 3 Love is his news, love is his name,  
we are his own, chosen and called,  
family, brethren, cousins and kin.  
Love, only love, is his name.  
*Chorus*
- 4 Love is his name, love is his law.  
Hear his command, all who are his:  
'Love one another, I have loved you.'  
Love, only love, is his law.  
*Chorus*

*Luke Connaughton (1917-1979)*

## 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   Love divine   Howard Goodall



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