



Wednesday 13 August 2025

# Bread for the World

## *An Informal Eucharist*

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Introit This day Bob Chilcott

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 Here in this place new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away,  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings,  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in—the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in—the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

*Continued...*

- 2    **We are the young—our lives are a myst'ry,  
we are the old—who yearn for your face,  
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in—the rich and the haughty,  
Gather us in—the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.**
- 3    **Here we will take the wine and the water,  
here we will take the bread of new birth,  
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**
- 4    **Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away,  
but here in this place the new light is shining,  
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us for ever,  
Gather us in and make us your own;  
Gather us in—all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

*Marty Haugen (born 1952)*

## **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    John 14:1-11

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’

Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

Reflection    Jesus, the way to the Father    Revd Richard Cartert

Anthem    Christ has no body now but yours    David Ogden

## Prayers

Prayer of Thanksgiving  
Prayer of Concern  
Prayer of Hope

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

Prayer Chant O Lord, hear my prayer



## 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 **Just as I am, without one plea  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidst me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**
- 2 **Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

*Continued...*

- 3 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**
- 4 Just as I am (thy love unknown  
has broken every barrier down),  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**
- 5 Just as I am, of that free love  
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
here for a season, then above,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

*Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871)*

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

**All The Lord be with you  
and also with you.**

**All Together we pray  
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    Be still for the presence of the Lord  
David Evans arr. Richard Shephard

## 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    Forth in the peace of Christ we go;  
Christ to the world with joy we bring;  
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,  
Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.**
- 2    King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;  
kingship with him, his servants gain;  
with Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,  
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.**
- 3    Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth  
this world of time to consecrate,  
our world of sin by grace to heal,  
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.**
- 4    Prophets of Christ, we hear his Word;  
he claims our minds, to search his ways;  
he claims our lips, to speak his truth;  
he claims our hearts, to sing his praise.**
- 5    We are his Church, he makes us one;  
here is one hearth for all to find;  
here is one flock, one Shepherd-King;  
here is one faith, one heart, one mind.**

## 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   Irish blessing   Bob Chilcott

**President and Preacher:** Revd Richard Carter  
**Soloist:** Daisy Walford  
**Pianist:** John Dods

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