

COMMUNION

READING OF THE LAST SUPPER

Reader 1: I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: the Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said,

Reader 2: 'This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.'

Reader 1: In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying,

Reader 2: 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Reader 1: For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

CONSECRATION OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Father, we give you praise for all your goodness to us. We thank you for the life that you have given to us through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are present in the bread and wine. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive the bread and wine, come I pray spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and desire to unite myself wholly to you. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKS

Almighty God, we thank you that we know you through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we offer ourselves to serve you. Send us out in the power of the Holy Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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WELCOME & OPENING PRAISE

Lord Jesus, the Light of the World
Come, shine in the darkness

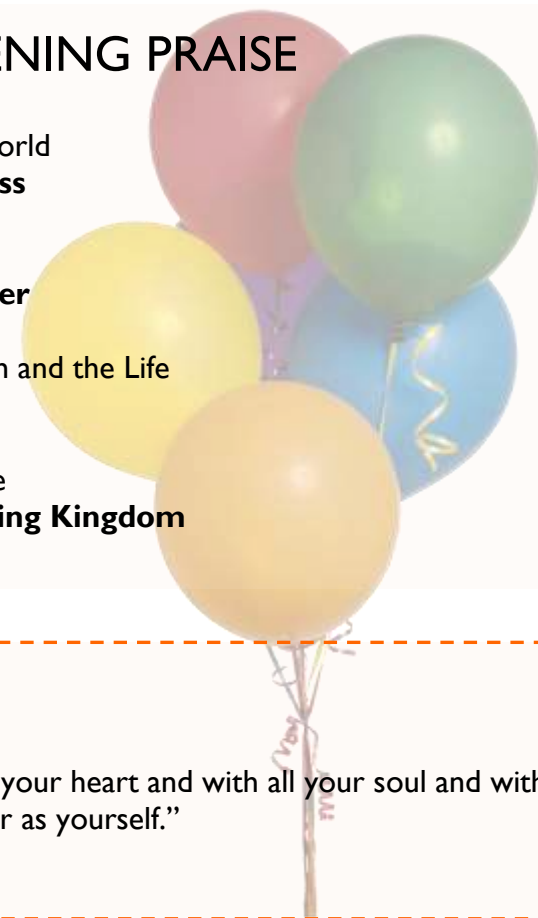
Lord Jesus, the Bread of Life
Come, feed us in our hunger

Lord Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life
Come, direct our lives

Lord Jesus, the Prince of Peace
Come, bring your everlasting Kingdom

JESUS SAID...

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. Love your neighbour as yourself."
(Matthew 22:37-38)



CONFESSION

God of all the world, our world is lost without you.
We make war with each other. Some have too much while others have little.
Our differences confuse us, and we lack understanding.

Come amongst us, God, and help us.

God of the Church, we have lost the excitement of pilgrimage. We avoid adventure and sharing in challenging service. We shrink from mission and evangelism.

Come amongst us, God, and help us.

God of our life, you have called us and we have not heard well. You have real things for us to do, and we have not always done them. You call us to a life of Christian love and discipleship and we have fallen from your ways.

Come amongst us, God, and help us.

To all those who are truly sorry, Jesus says:
“Your sins are forgiven, go and sin no more.”
Amen.



READINGS, SERMON & INTERCESSIONS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing as members of the family of God, let us pray as our Saviour has taught us:

**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 forever. Amen.**

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Faith is risking what is for what is yet to be.
It is taking small steps because they lead to big moves forward.
It is letting go when you want to hold on.

We believe in God the Father, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

In Him is our strength and our salvation.

Faith is saying yes when everything else says no.
It is believing all things are possible in the midst of impossibilities.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, who came to the earth to be my Saviour.

In Him is our strength and our salvation.

Faith is looking beyond what is and trusting for what will be. It is the presence of light in darkness, the presence of God in all.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.

We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In Him is our strength and our salvation.

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace; of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.