

CONTINUE THE AMAZING JOURNEY: A eucharist

WE GATHER

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Invite people to think about all those we carry in our hearts and all those we have promised to support – as family, as godparents and as church.

Prayer:

Make us ready, O God, to know you with us

In the breaking of bread and the hearing of word,

In the company of one another

And all those we carry in our hearts. Amen

WE SAY SORRY

Words of invitation: we made and make big promises for ourselves and others, yet we fall short in living our words. We come to ask God's forgiveness and receive his grace:

Shut your eyes: Lord forgive us for all the times we pay no attention..

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

Close your lips: Lord forgive us for all the times we keep silent..

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

Sit on your hands: Lord forgive us for all the times we do nothing..

Raise one or both legs: Lord, forgive us for all the times we simply don't follow where you are leading..

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

Absolution: May the God of love and power forgive *you* and free *you* from *your* sins, heal and strengthen *you* by his Spirit, and raise *you* to new life in Christ our Lord. *All Amen.*

Collect: Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the Gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul; by the grace of the Spirit give your Church the same love and power to heal and to share; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

WE LISTEN

Epistle: Colossians 1: 3- 6

Here the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ - Luke 9: 46- 48

Pause

WE RESPOND –

Circle prayers, drawn in front of each person
Invite people to use a finger to draw a series of increasing circles...
Praying for our godchildren and those in our families
Bigger circle – praying for children in our churches, schools and communities,
Bigger again – praying for children in the world.
Place ‘dot’ in the middle and pray for ourselves.

WE CELEBRATE:

The Lord is here
All God’s Spirit is with us.
Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give thanks and praise.
[Question Why is it right to give thanks and praise?
Answer Listen, and we will hear.]

Lord of all life,
you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.
You give us happy times and things to celebrate.
In these we taste your kingdom,
a feast for all your children.
You made us all, each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels
and sing your praise:
**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
[Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.]**

We thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.
Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ’s body and his blood.
[Question Why do we share this bread and wine?
Answer Listen, and we will hear.]

On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'
After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'
So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.
[Question How do we follow Jesus Christ?
Answer Listen, and we will hear.]

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day
when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.
And now with [N and] all your saints
we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for ever.
All Amen.

The service continues with the Lord's Prayer.

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ
Though we are many, we are all one body
Because we all share one bread.

Invitation:

Come when you are fearful, to be made new in love
Come when you are doubtful, to be made strong in faith,
Come old and young, come everyone
There is room for all at the table.

Invite everyone to share at the table – coming to collect and take back to each table, sharing there and returning to us.

Post communion prayer

Thank you for feeding us..

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

Blessing

May the God of joy inspire your days

May the God of peace be your guide

May the God of love hold you close.. and the blessing

Renewing our commitment

Will you remember to support children and families as they continue their amazing journey of faith?

We will

Will you help them to live and grow within God's family?

We will

Will you welcome them into the fellowship of faith, as children of the same heavenly Father?

We will

The peace:

God makes peace within us, let us claim it.

God makes peace between us, let us share it.

The peace of the Lord, be always with you.

And also with you.

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