

And as we eat together at this table we remember the importance and the words of many sages... and the actions of all meals in the tradition of Jesus. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his friends. He said it was like his own body, an offering of self, broken, that we might know the ways of peace, with all creation. *Bread broken* He poured a cup of wine, offered thanks for it, and gave it also to his friends. He said it was like his blood, a pouring out of his very being in the service of life, a self-donation inspired by the way of the cosmos (the sun burning four million tons of hydrogen every second in the service of the great procession of life *(BSanguin)*. *Wine poured out*

So we join our voices in the unending chorus of praise:

Holy, holy, holy are you, God of steadfast love.

All creation waits for you.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who is the living bread.

Hosanna in the highest!

Come, Holy Spirit, come upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine. May they be for us the life of Christ, vibrant with life, healing, renewing, and making us whole. **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

The bread, broken. The cup, love poured out.

The gifts of God for all those whom God loves. *Communion is shared.*

Words of mission, and benediction *(candles are extinguished)*

Go, blessed and filled with the wisdom of God,
blessed and nourished by the life of our Lord Jesus Christ
and blessed and directed by the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

(Source: Moira Laidlaw, Liturgies Online)

Go from here, to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ, Amen.

Passing of the peace.

God's peace be with you. **And also with you.** *The peace is shared*



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MID WEEK WORSHIP

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Welcome to this time of worship, of gentle reflection, and caring community.

Welcome and greeting

Centering Silence

Let silence be placed around us now, like a mantle.

Let us enter into it,
as through a small secret door;
stooping,

to emerge into

an acre of peace,
where stillness reigns

and the Sacred is present. *(Silence)*

May the mantle of silence

become a cloak of understanding

to warm our hearts this day. *(Adapt. KMcIlhagga) (Silence)*

Prayers of who we are

Listening God, sometimes we pray confidently, trusting in your love. Sometimes we approach you fearfully, conscious of our own failure. Sometimes we are reluctant to pray, evading your call to us. Sometimes our prayer is a snatched moment in the hassle of activity. But always you hear us. And so we have confidence in your company, to know ourselves as you know us, and to bring our confessions. A time of silence is kept.

We keep a silence as we reflect upon the truth of our lives.

Loving God, may the grace which was in Jesus fill us with grace. May the hope which was in Jesus fill us with hope.

May the life which was in Jesus fill us with life. As Jesus was your heart to us, may we be your heart to those around us. **May it be so. Amen.**

Prayer for Illumination

God, you draw us into your community of love. By the same Spirit that binds us together - speak to us, that what we read and ponder may enliven us and stretch us to trust and follow you. Amen.

Readings and reflection

Prayers for others - *prayers are offered by the people*

Each prayer concluded with: This is my prayer/**this is our prayer**

Holy Wisdom, you granted Solomon's request for an understanding mind and the knowledge to discern good from evil. Fill us with such understanding and knowledge that we may act as instruments of your loving desire for creation, working with you to transform our conceit into concern for others, our fear into love, our violence into peace, and our brokenness into wholeness.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Communion litany: What do you bring?
What do you bring to Christ's table?

**We bring bread,
made by many people's work from an unjust world
where some have plenty and most go hungry.**

At this table, all are fed and no one turned away.

Thanks be to God

What do you bring to Christ's table?

**We bring wine,
made by many people's work from an unjust world
where some have leisure and most struggle to survive**

At this table, all share the cup

of pain and celebration and no one is denied.

Thanks be to God

These gifts shall be for us the life of Christ,
Our witness against hunger, our cry against injustice,
and our hope for a world where God is fully known

And every child is fed. **Thanks be to God**

(Source: Brian Wren, from 'Bread of Tomorrow')

We remember the times when Jesus faced difficult decisions and destructive forces: in the days and nights of his searching, in finding ways to free others from images and ideas that kept them captive and dependent and fearful of God, in breaking down social and religious barriers, in facing failure, in facing death (MMorwood).
When we too experience the winter of our lives may we find the courage to let go and trust in your guiding, warming light. (Silence)

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

In the company of the God's people,
let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Great are the works of God, full of glory and majesty.

Our God is gracious and compassionate;
our God is merciful and forgiving, our God is faithful and trustworthy,
our God is just and good.

God's praise will last forever!