

After supper he took the cup and again giving thanks he gave it to his friends, saying: this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for all people for the remission of sins.  
Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.

### **Prayer of Consecration**

Send to us the Holy Spirit that this meal may be holy and your people become one. Unite us in faith, inspire us to love, encourage us to hope, that we may receive Christ as he comes to us in the holy banquet.

**The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.**

**The cup we take is a sharing in the blood of Christ.**

The gifts of God for the people of God!

*Communion is shared.*

### **Prayer after Communion**

Thank you, Loving God, for restoring us to new life at this table.

We arise from here to be your love for the world.

**May we find, in sharing ourselves with all your people, a sign of the coming reign of God.**

**In the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.**

### **Words of Mission and Blessing**

Go out as a blessing, for yourself, for your neighbour as you move and pray in God. Let the blessing flow from the ground of your being, and trusting that God will work in you and through you to reach those you may remember, those you may see, those who touch you and the situations which may stir you. And may God help us see more and more that these blessings, like small drops, will deepen to ready the soil of our hearts and grow into flowers turning to the sun – ready for more. May Christ Jesus take you by the hand and lift you to life; and may the Holy Spirit build you up in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in passion and in love.

*(Adapted from Nathan Nettleton LaughingBird.net)*

*Everyone is invited to stay for a light continental breakfast following this service.*



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**Pilgrim**  
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# 8.00am Morning Communion

Sunday, 1st September 2019

Pentecost 12  
COCU54C

### **Welcome and Greeting with a blessing**

Love bids us welcome in a blessing, in a song, a moment of silence, a word of wisdom, love bids us welcome here today. And in the words of the psalmist God's voice comes to us with this blessing from Psalm 81: <sup>16</sup> "You would be fed with the finest of wheat; with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."

### **Acknowledgement of Country**

**Hymn:** TiS 217 Love divine

### **Psalm of the day**

### **Prayer**

Out of our inner depths we cry to you Lord O God, hear our voices. Remember the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who though he was sent as Lord, came to us as a helpless child, a youth who lived in quiet wonder, and in humility as a young man. All this so that we may become empowered, even in our helplessness, our own questions, and our wonder.

**Bless the Lord my soul, and bless God's holy name.**

**And bless my neighbour in the same way I yearn to be loved.**

**Let us worship in sincerity, in truth, in joy.**

Living and faithful Spirit, the God in whom we live and move and have our being, in You we too are anointed with your Spirit of love, with your Spirit of grace, seeing us the way we are, the way we would love to be and the way you have made us to be one with you. God who is made known in Christ Jesus, bless us one and all as we wait on you this day.

**May our hymns and prayers, our searching doubts, our wondering thoughts, our hearing of the Scriptures all become an exercise in this holy love exchange. In the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.**

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### **Prayer of confession**

If God uses the pendulum of righteousness, who will seem upright?

But in God we find the grace to see ourselves as one loved by you.

Let us confess our sins....

Great God, just and gracious, have mercy on us:

forgive the injustices to which we are party, both the wilful one and those committed in ignorance.

Great God, truthful and gracious:

forgive the deceits we personally practice and those communal ones we participate in without protest.

Great God, patient and gracious,

forgive our impatience and irritability, the unreal expectations we put on others and the excuses made for ourselves.

Great God, generous and gracious:

forgive our miserly ways and the occasions when we resent the demands made on our time, money, energy and goodwill.

Great God, inclusive and gracious:

forgive us our exclusive habits, have mercy on us if we perversely exclude ourselves from knowing your free grace.

Great God, by the saving grace of Christ Jesus, cleanse us and support us in the hour of temptation, deliver us from evil, and lead us by your light, love and serene joy. For your name's sake. **Amen.**

*(Bruce Prewer)*

### **Words of Assurance**

The hand of the Lord will lift us up, straighten our burdened back, smooth the moments of our troubled confusions and lift our gaze in readiness for Your blessings God, in acceptance of the mystery of Jesus within God, and for the movement of the Spirit in us.

**For we remember that God's capacity for forgiveness and abundance of grace, and Christ's readiness to love us, is beyond our comprehension.**

**In Jesus Christ, we are lifted to life. We are blessed to know that our sins are forgiven.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn:** TiS 341 My song is love unknown vv 1, 4, 7

**Scripture readings:** Luke 14: 1-14  
Heb 13: 1-8, 15-16

### **Reflection**

*A time for quiet contemplation*

**Offering hymn:** TiS 510 My God, your table is now spread  
*(Rockingham)*

### **Prayer of Dedication**

**Loving God, in the offering of our blessing and recognising the blessing you grant us everyday, we remember the abundance of love and hope that is ours to share. May these gifts be as new life to any in need. Amen.**

### **Prayer for Others**

Protector of all, many of us come today with the weight of the world on our shoulders, wondering where to begin with our work of prayer. Our own problems and situations and the large issues and challenges of the world loom large and we struggle to be agents of hope. Anxiety, suspicion, pain and fear all drive us from you and from one another.....

*A time for silence*

Connect our separate lives in one life shared with you, help us to widen our compassion, to open our minds and fill us with your presence and peace as you sit with us. In the name of the healing Christ we offer these prayers.

This is my prayer / **this is our prayer**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

### **The Invitation**

At this table we all are welcome. All share in the bread and the cup. By the power of God's Holy Spirit, these gifts shall be for us the body and blood of Christ.

### **The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Let us lift up our hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give our thanks and praise**

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God....

**Holy, Holy Holy Lord, God of power and might  
heaven and earth are full of your glory  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord  
Hosanna in the highest**

### **Narrative of the institution**

We remember the words from our tradition: On the night that Jesus was betrayed, while sharing a meal with his friends he took bread, after giving thanks he broke it and gave it to them saying: Take, eat this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.