

## BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS

God, may this bread connect us more closely with you and with our neighbours near and far. Bless this bread that it may be the life of Christ within us. May this fruit of the vine remind us of the inter-connectedness of people around the world. Bless this cup that it may be the life of Christ within us. Bread from the earth and fruit from the vine, they are gifts to us of God's presence. May this simple meal bring us into union with you, your people, and our world, united in the one body of Christ. **Amen.**

*Communion is shared*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. **Amen.**

## WORDS OF MISSION AND BLESSING

*The candles are extinguished.*

Happy are those who know they are forgiven! Go out with a light heart and fresh with hope, knowing that God's love surrounds you, covers you with grace and strengthens you to meet all challenges to your true nature.

God be with you, not as judge but as light and guide.

Christ be with you, the free gift of grace.

Spirit be with you, to lead you not into temptation

but towards the abundant life that is your inheritance, children of the living God.

**Amen.**

God's peace be with you. **And also with you.**

*The sign of the peace is exchanged*

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



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## WELCOME and GREETING and COMMUNITY NEWS

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Today is World Communion Sunday, celebrated around the world on the first Sunday in October. The day has taken on a new relevancy and depth of meaning in a world where globalisation often has undermined peace and justice - and in a time when fear divides the peoples of God's earth. On this day, we celebrate our oneness in Christ, whom we know as the Prince of Peace, who calls us to serve in the midst of a world ever more in need of peacemaking.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome to this place: where heaven and earth embrace in peace, where God has been, is, and always will be.

Welcome to this place, as we gather with all of God's children: where we find God's love, where we hear the tender voice of Jesus, where the Spirit teaches us new songs.

Welcome to this place, where all is made ready by our God:

where we bring our hunger, and find food;

where we bring our brokenness, and find healing;

where we bring our very selves, and find acceptance.

Welcome!

*(Thom Shuman)*

**HYMN** TiS 474 Here in this place / Gather us in

**PSALM OF THE DAY** *(see insert)*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Healing God, we come before you:

broken - yet seeking wholeness; isolated - yet seeking community;

overwhelmed - yet seeking simplicity; shamed - yet seeking grace:

**God, we yearn for the healing you promise.**

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God of justice, we come before you:  
selfish - yet seeking a generous heart; arrogant - yet seeking humility;  
responsible for injustices - yet seeking forgiveness:

**God, we yearn for the justice you promise.**

God of peace, we come before you:  
afraid - yet seeking assurance, agitated - yet seeking serenity;  
angry - yet seeking a forgiving heart:

**God, we yearn for the peace you promise.**

*A silence is kept.*

#### **WORD OF ASSURANCE** *(adapted from Psalm 32)*

The forgiveness of God be upon you; the peace of Christ rest upon you;  
the grace of the Holy Spirit be the gift which is placed in your life, this day  
and forever. **Amen.**

**BIBLE READINGS:** Job 1: 1, 2: 1-10  
Mark 10: 2-16

#### **REFLECTION**

**HYMN:** TiS 648 Help us accept each other

#### **PRAYERS FOR OTHERS**

Loving God, we know the times we feel exposed and vulnerable to lesser  
ways of being. We pray for those who are caught in vicious cycles that  
have no grace in them. We pray for those who feel diminished in their  
personhood through illness, dis-ease, and difference.

*Prayers are offered* (this is my prayer / **this is our prayer**)

We offer our prayers in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray:

#### **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.**

**HYMN** TiS 537 Let us talents and tongues employ  
*The offering will be collected.*

#### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Loving God, receive these gifts as tokens of our openness to your ways.  
**In our own acts of freely giving, we recognise anew your free gift of  
grace and how it guides us in your ways.**  
Bless these gifts to carry your grace to those in need or worry. **Amen.**

## **COMMUNION**

### **THE INVITATION**

World Communion Sunday reminds us that Christ calls us to a table where  
the welcome is wide. He offers us a space with bread and wine in  
abundance to give solace to our sorrow and to stir our joy. Even as Christ  
invites us to this table, he does not mean for us to linger here forever. He  
gives us sustenance in order to send us forth, carrying a space of welcome  
within us, called to offer it to those we meet: one more, and one more,  
and one more...

*(Jan Richardson)*

### **THE NARRATIVE OF THE LAST SUPPER**

#### **THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Open your hearts.

**We open our hearts to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Long ago, so long ago only you can remember, Imaginative God, you  
brought creation into being, subjecting chaos to your will. It was fitting for  
you to do this, for your Word shaped glory into mountains, fields and  
streams; your Spirit breathed hope into all that has life in you. You spoke  
to our ancestors, inviting them to walk in your integrity, but their hearts  
became hardened by the sweet words of seduction, their hands were full  
of sin's bribes. Prophets were sent - pleading, cajoling, calling all your  
children back to your side, until, in your steadfast love, Jesus came to be  
amongst us, so that we might receive your kingdom of peace and  
redemption as your children. So, with those who gather around tables of  
peace and hope in every corner of our world, and with those who are with  
you in glory, we offer our praises with glad songs:

**HYMN** TiS 723 Santo, Santo, Santo (sung twice in Spanish and English)  
*from Argentina*

#### **PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

Pour out the Spirit of the Prince of Peace upon the gifts of the bread and  
the cup, not only on those gathered in this place but on all your children  
throughout the world: on those who gather around war-scarred tables  
and at the tailgates of military vehicles, longing to pass the Bread of life  
from hand to hand, mouth to mouth, until all have been fed; and on those  
who stand on both sides of walls built by hatred and fear, daring to share  
the Cup of salvation with those labeled as the 'enemy' until all are graced.  
And when the eons of our fighting and destruction are done, when all of  
your children are gathered in peace around your Table of glory and grace,  
we will bless you in that great congregation, singing our love, our hope,  
our joy to you, God in Community, Holy in One. **Amen.**