

As with the bread, Jesus took wine and spoke a word of blessing over it.

Then, as the wine was shared, He spoke new meaning into it:  
This, My blood, is shed for you. Drink this and remember Me.

*Through the wine which we drink, God speaks  
and we share in the life-renewing Word.*

Whenever this bread is broken, whenever this wine is poured,  
we proclaim Jesus Christ –  
crucified and risen.

*And we will not cease to do this until that time  
when Jesus comes again.*

Let us prepare our hearts to receive this sacrament  
and the Word it speaks

*Generous God, we come at Your invitation to hear You and to see You,  
to commune with You in this meal.*

*We come undeserving and in need.*

*You spoke life into us at the first.*

*Speak to us again, through this bread and this wine,  
and let Your Word of life fill our senses and our days. Amen.*

*The sacrament is shared.*

#### Opening Our Eyes to Our Mission

*O God, Who is revealed in simple, created things,*

*We thank You for speaking to us  
through bread broken and wine poured.*

*We thank You for the Word of life planted like a seed in our hearts  
through this sacrament.*

*May the fruit it bears be good and plentiful, bringing praise to You. Amen.*

As God has spoken to us in this moment, in this sanctuary,  
so we hear the Voice of God in the world outside,  
moment by moment.

*Lord, give us eyes to see.*

As the Word of God has been shared with us in our worship,  
so we go to share the Word of God with the world longing to hear.

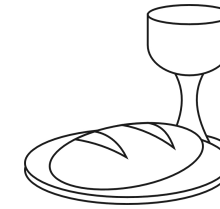
*Lord, give us voices to speak, and lives to tell of Your love.*

*May God's freely-given favour*

*Christ's self-giving love*

*And the Holy Spirit's constant companionship*

*remain with each of us now and into eternity. Amen.*



## A Liturgy for The Sacrament

### Opening Our Eyes

*Silent acknowledgment of God's Presence*

Here we gather, where the echo of God's Voice still moves in the air.

*Lord, open our ears to hear You speak to us.*

Now we meet, as eternity is expressed in time.

*Lord, open our eyes to see You smile on us.*

Once again, the Word of God is revealed among us in physical form.

*Lord, open our hearts to welcome You into our lives.*

### Opening Our Eyes To The World

Welcoming God, Whose Voice of invitation unceasingly beckons us,

We acknowledge that we are slow to hear Your Word,  
and slower to respond.

We recognise that we have often turned away from You  
and closed our ears.

We have robbed others of dignity by refusing to listen to their stories,  
and we have been more concerned with expressing ourselves  
than with opening ourselves to the song of creation.

*Silent Confession*

*For the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word, forgive us.*

*Give us open ears and receptive hearts to commune with You  
and those around us, today and always.*

We remember those in whose lives Your Voice is hidden  
by the noise of hatred and aggression

*Speak to them a word of peace*

by the noise of busyness and responsibility

*Speak to them a word of calm*

by the noise of fear and trauma  
*Speak to them a word of comfort*  
by the noise of greed and lust  
*Speak to them a word of letting go*  
by the noise of grief and pain  
*Speak to them a word of healing*  
by the noise of unbelief and confusion  
*Speak to them a word of faith*  
by the noise of poverty and homelessness  
*Speak to them a word of compassion*  
by the noise of loneliness and isolation  
*Speak to them a word of friendship*  
May Your Voice speak our storms into stillness,  
and become for us the fuel  
for our living, our loving, our dreaming and our praying.  
*And make our lives the visible expression of Your love.*  
*For the sake of Jesus, the Word of God. Amen.*

#### *Opening our Eyes To Each Other*

May the Word of Peace, spoken in Christ,  
fill us always, and echo through our doing and our speaking.  
The peace of the Lord be always expressed in and through you.  
*And also in and through you.*

#### *Opening Our Eyes to God's Goodness*

Let us express our wonder and gratitude for God's Word  
revealed within and around us.  
God of quiet Word and loud silences,  
It is amazing that You would speak to us;  
That You would desire us to know Your Story,  
and to be Your confidants.  
We recognise in this awesome privilege, Your intense love  
and unquenchable quest to commune with us.  
And so . . .  
*We thank and praise You for Your Word of life,*  
*made visible in Your humanity*  
*and in every living thing, which nurtures and grows us.*  
*Silent praise is offered.*

*We thank and praise You for Your Word of love,*  
*made visible in Your availability*  
*and in every caring relationship, which calls us to intimacy*

*with You.*

*Silent praise is offered.*

*We thank and praise You for Your Word of mercy,*  
*made visible in Your Self-giving and in every grudge released,*  
*which forgives and restores us.*

*Silent praise is offered.*

*We thank and praise You for Your Word of compassion,*  
*made visible in Your rising and in every serving act,*  
*which heals us and makes us whole.*

*Silent praise is offered.*

God of grace and wonder, receive our praise,  
and the love of our hearts, souls, minds, and strength,  
expressed in these words. Amen.

#### *Opening our Eyes to God's Presence*

God is in this place.

*With the eyes of faith we see, and the Word is made visible.*

In communion with God, we touch the Word which sustains  
all creation, and find our true selves

*The Word fills us now, and is expressed in us as praise.*

We believe that God spoke the worlds into existence  
And we believe that when humanity had closed their ears and hearts  
to the Divine Voice  
the Word became flesh, living and dying  
so that we could be restored as children of God.  
We believe that God's Holy Spirit continues to speak life to the world,  
and calls us into relationship with God,  
with each other and with our world.

*O God of Self-disclosing love,*

*You deserve to be honoured through all eternity*

*by all beings earthly and heavenly, seen and unseen.*

We believe that on the night before Love's final Word was spoken  
through the passionate cross

Jesus gave us a way to remember the Word, to hear it again.

He took bread and spoke a word of blessing over it.

Then as He broke the bread, He spoke new meaning into it:

This, My body, is broken for you. Eat this and remember Me.

*Through the breaking of bread God speaks,*  
*and we share in the life-nourishing Word.*