

and to love our neighbours as we love ourselves.
But, His clearest, most powerful act of love,
was His choice to lay down His life so that we might find ours.
On the eve of His death He gave us this sacred meal
to remind us of all He did and said;
While He and His friends were eating,
He took bread and blessed it,
Then He broke it and passed it around:
This is my body broken for You;
Eat it as a way to remember Me and My love for you.
After the meal, He took wine and blessed it,
Then He passed it among His friends:
This is my blood poured out for You;
Drink it as a way to remember Me and My love for you.
And so now again we eat and we drink,
And we proclaim Jesus' life and death, His love and mercy;
And we open our hearts to this Lover once more.

Communion is received.

We Give Thanks And Commit To Love

Thank You, God of our hearts,

For this meal and the love it expresses;

For Your sacrifice and the intimacy with You that it brings;

For Your commitment to reconcile the world to Yourself.

We have shared the bread and the wine,

We have experienced the love and compassion of God,

And we have remembered the mission of Jesus,

which we are called to continue;

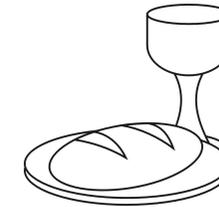
May Your love, Your friendship and Your undeserved acceptance

fill us, change us and inspire us

That the world may grow into a place

where all of God's children know they have found a home

For all eternity. Amen.



A Liturgy for Communion

We Gather

We are those who seek after love,

We long for its touch, we yearn for the warm softness of its kiss

In this place we gather to wait

and to open our hearts

We are the ones who remember our Lover,

The God who seeks, the God who calls our name,

The God that we love because God loved us first.

The God who invites us into joyful intimacy;

The Lover whose offer we will not neglect.

This is our time to respond and to worship.

Alleluia. Amen.

We Confess And We Celebrate

Lord, we have heard Your call so many times,

But, we have run away; we have hidden from Your Presence

Lord, we have seen Your beauty in so many ways,

But, we have turned away;

we have closed our eyes to Your Goodness

Lord, we have felt Your touch in so many gentle encounters,

*But, we have shrugged You off;
we have shut ourselves from Your Love*
And You have not rejected us.
You have not ceased to woo us.
You have given Yourself for us,
and have shown us Your immense love again and again.
You have remained faithful,
You have continued to care,
You have showered us with compassion.
*We praise You and thank You for this eternal, immeasurable Love.
We celebrate Your longing for us,
and we turn back to You with open hearts.
Forgive us for denying You, and teach us to love with true abandon.
In Jesus' Name. Amen.*

We Proclaim our Faith

We believe in God,
the Creator and Lover of the Universe;
And we respond to this God in love.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
the embodiment of Love and the Saviour of all;
And we respond to this God in love.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
Love's power poured out, and the Presence of Love within;
And we respond to this God in love.
We believe in the Church,
The community of Love;
And we believe in life renewed and eternal;
Love enjoyed and shared with God and creation for ever.
*And again we dedicate ourselves
to this love and to the God who gives it. Amen.*

We Acknowledge our Needs

Lord, You have made Your love and commitment to us so clear,
You have revealed Your involvement in our world and our lives
And You have repeatedly saved us, healed us and restored us.
So, with confidence and thanks, we ask for Your help once again:
We remember the many in our world
who are alone, neglected, abused and unloved;
Hear us, O Lord, and in Your love, answer.
We remember the ones

who have forgotten how to love, and who know only hate;
Hear us, O Lord, and in Your love, answer.
We remember all who mistake love for control, obsession or power;
Hear us, O Lord, and in Your love, answer.
We remember those who lovingly give themselves
to serve, protect, comfort and heal others;
Hear us, O Lord, and in Your love, answer.
We remember the ones that we hold in our hearts,
our families and friends, and all with whom we share Your love;
Hear us, O Lord, and in Your love, answer.

*May Your love grow within us,
and through us, may Your love grow in the world,
For the sake of Your Kingdom. Amen*

The Lord's Prayer is said together.

We Come To The Lord's Table

Our Lover invites us to His table.
*We are so happy to hear His voice,
We are excited to share this meal with Him.*
He has prepared a feast for us;
The table is laden with good things
– the bread of life, the cup of salvation.
*We are so thankful to receive the Lord's gifts,
We are so blessed to enjoy the Lord's Presence.*
All are welcome at this meal;
All are loved and all are invited to receive God's abundance
and enjoy it freely.
We meet at this table with all of God's children;
Those born of earth and those born of heaven;
And together we sing eternity's praise song:
*Glory to God, the Holy One
Glory to God in the heavens
Glory to God on the earth
Glory to God now and always
For God's love is never ending.*

We remember and celebrate how God made His love known to us.
Jesus lived among us,
and taught us to love God,