

Going Out Into The World

"Go into all the world," said Jesus;

We go to make His loving words heard.

"What you do for the least, you do for Me," said Jesus;

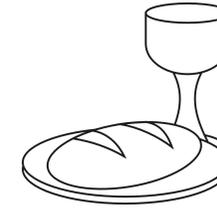
We go to make His loving deeds seen.

"I will never drive away any who come to me," said Jesus;

We go to make His loving invitation known.

May the love of God, the Three-in-One,
fill our hearts and make us one with God,
and with all of God's children,

And may we grow in that love now and always. Amen



A Liturgy for the Breaking of Bread

Gathering

Once again we gather,

From different homes and circumstances,

With different dreams and ideas, different values and tastes,

Different in age and colour, different in gender and language,

Yet, we are one family – Children of God every one;

We join our hearts in worship,

We join our voices in praise

And we join our lives as the Body of Christ. Amen.

Praise

O God, Who shaped us, and nurtures us,

We, Your children, praise You;

for the breath of life that moves within us,

and within all living things.

Praise be to our Life-Giver! Hallelujah!

O Lord, Who shared our flesh, and made for us a way
into God's Kingdom

We, Your sisters and brothers, praise You;

for Your life and words among us,

and for giving Yourself to be broken so that we and our world
could be healed.

Praise be to our Life-Renewer! Hallelujah!

O Spirit of God, Who re-unites us with our Creator, with each other
and with ourselves,
We, Your people, praise You;
for the Living Water that quenches our thirst
and for the divine image that You recreate in us
and every person.

Praise be to our Life-Energizer! Hallelujah!

***God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Love is Your nature, and love is Your gift,
We praise You for inviting us into Your family,
and for igniting Your love in our hearts.
Amen.***

Confession And Request

Lord God, we have found a home in You;
We have found a family in You;
We have found a place to belong;
to know and be known
to love and be loved.
And we are so grateful for this awesome gift.

But, too easily, we forget the benefits it brings;
We have forgotten our place, and doubted Your love;
Remind us, and all who feel neglected by You,
that we are engraved on Your hands.
We have forgotten who we are, and have failed to care for ourselves;
Remind us, and all who feel worthless,
that You have called us by name.
We have forgotten our connectedness, and have divided ourselves;
Remind us, and all who would exclude, oppress
and condemn others,
that we are all made in Your image, and we are all one body.

*A time of silent prayer is allowed, in which the people are invited to become aware of and
pray for those sitting on either side of them.*

For the sake of Jesus, who loved us to the death,
and whose love conquered the grave,
Forgive us, hear our prayer,
And teach us to be one again. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Passing the Peace

May God's peace be always with you,
And also with you.

The people take a moment to pass the peace to one another.

Breaking of Bread

***We believe in the God who made every man and woman in God's image.
We believe in the Christ who died
to reconcile every human being to God,
and to restore our common humanity.
We believe in the Holy Spirit that has always hovered over creation,
and ignites love's fire in our hearts.
We believe in the community of faith
that worships God, follows Jesus, and lives by the Spirit.
And we believe in the time when all things will be made new,
and all things will be brought together under Christ. Amen.***

Lord God, we praise You and we thank You,
We are the product of Your creativity, made to be like You;
When we rebelled against You, and denied our true selves,
You stepped into our flesh and our reality,
and submitted to the cross so that we could find our way home.
And now, in gratitude, we join in the love song of creation
for all eternity:
Jesus died; Jesus came alive again; Jesus is coming back.

We remember how all things were made new:
On the night before He died, Jesus took the loaf of bread,
and after blessing it, and breaking it, He gave it to His friends:
Remember Me whenever You eat. This is my body given for all.
When supper was finished, He took the cup of wine,
and after blessing it, He gave it to His friends:
Remember Me whenever You drink. This is my blood shed for all.
With thanksgiving we eat and drink;
With joy we remember,
And with Christ's inclusive love we gather together around His table.
Amen.

The people share in the breaking of bread.