

*We give thanks for Your compassion, O God;  
We rejoice at Your invitation to share in this meal,  
and we receive again Your abundant grace.*  
So, let's remember how Jesus gave Himself for us;  
At supper, on the night of His betrayal, Jesus took bread,  
gave thanks, broke it and shared it with His friends, saying:  
This is my body, given for you. Take it, eat it, and remember Me.  
*Amen.*

After supper, Jesus took the cup,  
gave thanks and shared it with His friends, saying:  
This is my blood shed for you. Take it, drink it and remember Me.  
*Amen.*

In this bread and in this wine we receive again  
the generous, and costly gift of life,  
offered to us through the sacrifice of Jesus.  
*This meal is a proclamation of God's goodness,  
a thanksgiving for God's grace  
and a sharing in God's life.  
And we will keep celebrating in this way until Jesus returns. Amen.*

*The Eucharist is shared among the people.*

#### *Going Out Into The World*

The Grace of Christ has been offered to us again today;  
*We receive it with thanks,  
and through our kindness we will share it with others.*

The Love of God has come to us again today;  
*We fill our hearts in joy,  
and through our compassion we will share it with others.*

The Fellowship of the Holy Spirit has embraced us again today;  
*We delight in it with gratitude,  
and through our generosity we will share it with others.*

Go in peace and thanksgiving,  
Live and work so that God's goodness may be recognised,  
And God may be praised.  
*Amen.*



## A Liturgy for the Eucharist

#### *Gathering in Thanksgiving and Praise*

What a generous God we worship!  
What an extravagant Creator, what a Source of abundance!  
God has filled the universe with stars and galaxies beyond number,  
has filled the world with creatures and objects, colours and shapes,  
types and varieties, more than we can apprehend,  
has built it all on atoms and molecules, too small to see,  
too many to imagine!

*We thank You, gracious and giving God, and we praise You.*

What a vibrant life this is!  
What an amazing array of experiences, relationships  
and opportunities!

God has provided us with minds and bodies, hearts and souls  
to perceive and enjoy all that life contains,  
has called us to appreciate each unique moment, each special gift!

*We thank You, gracious and giving God, and we praise You.*

What an amazing Saviour is ours!  
What a self-giving, compassionate Lord!  
God has entered our world and shared its challenges,  
has lived and died as one of us,  
has risen, and has opened the door to full, eternal and exuberant life!  
*We thank You, gracious and giving God, and we praise You.*

#### *Confessing Our Shortcomings*

In this world of plenty, O God, we have chosen to live lives of poverty:  
We have hoarded our blessings,  
and have kept more than our share of abundance

Causing others to know the hard reality of need and want;  
***Please, forgive us, Gracious God***  
We have failed to care adequately for the world's abundant resources,  
Bringing scarcity and pain to our planet;  
***Please, forgive us, Gracious God***  
We have denied the goodness that we enjoy,  
and have forgotten how to be grateful,  
Making ourselves miserable and hurting others;  
***Please, forgive us, Gracious God***  
Remind us, O Lord, of all the good things that we have received;  
Remind us how to enjoy the blessings we experience;  
Remind us that giving is a source of pleasure and plenty;  
Remind us that there is enough to go around.  
***And teach us to follow Christ in the ways of  
love, self-giving and compassion;  
Even as You have forgiven us in Christ. Amen.***

#### **Bringing Our Requests**

We thank You, Lord, for all that You have done for us;  
for all that You have given us;  
and for all that You have been to us.  
We remember and celebrate Your constant grace, care and provision;  
and our faith grows as we recognise the goodness that we enjoy.  
But, Lord, You have also given us the gift of prayer,  
and You have invited us to bring our requests to You,  
for You love us, and You listen to our needs and desires.  
And so we pray...  
***...For ourselves and our loved ones,  
that we might find all we need in You.***  
*Each one is invited to pray in silence for themselves and their loved ones.*

***...For our community and our country, that none may be in want,  
and all may share the goodness of this place.***

*Each one is invited to pray in silence for their community and country.*

***...For our world and its peoples, that the riches of the earth  
may be enjoyed by all, and that we may all turn away from greed.***

*Each one is invited to pray in silence for the world and its peoples.*

Teach us, Bounteous God,  
To make thanksgiving, sharing, giving and enjoying,  
the habits by which we live  
And the practices by which we build Your Kingdom among us.  
In Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### *The Lord's Prayer*

#### **Proclaiming Our Faith**

Our God has created an abundant universe,  
Giving life to all, and graciously preserving all.  
***We believe and trust in God.***  
Our Saviour has made a way to abundant life,  
Giving His life for all, and compassionately inviting all  
to share in His Kingdom.  
***We believe and trust in God.***  
Our Comforter is poured out as the abundant Spirit,  
Bringing power and gifts to all, and leading all to fullness of life.  
***We believe and trust in God, Three in One;  
Generous and Loving,  
Faithful and Eternal. Amen.***

#### **Passing the Gift of Peace**

"Peace I give you," said Jesus.  
Now let us share this extravagant gift with each other.  
The peace of God be with you!  
***And also with you!***  
*The peace is shared among the congregation.*

#### **Preparing for the Meal**

God's love for the world was so great that He gave us His Son,  
so that anyone who believes in Him should not die  
but receive eternal life.

#### *Silence*

We come to this table in need;  
We are weak and need strength;  
We are broken and need healing;  
We are hardened and need softening;  
We are poor in spirit and need care.