



**OPEN TABLE**  
Come as you are



**Open Table Service**

**6pm**

*You are more than welcome to our Open Table service.*

*We welcome new members of the congregation and encourage everyone to join in with the hymns and when the text is in bold font.*

*We will indicate when we invite you to stand or to sit, but please remain comfortable throughout, whatever that means for you, and join in where you feel able to do so.*

## **Prayers of welcome**

Grace and peace from God,  
our creator, our redeemer, and our sustainer  
be with you,  
**and also with you.**

## **Welcome**

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.  
Let us recognize God's presence with us.

*Silence is kept*

As God's people we have gathered:  
**let us worship God together.**

***Hymn***

## **Prayers of confession**

My friends and siblings,  
not out of dread and fear,  
but believing in the understanding  
and forgiveness of God,  
let us rid ourselves of what we need carry no longer.

Eternal Maker of the endless heavens,  
lowly Christ, befriender of the changing earth,

Holy Spirit, wind over the flowing waters,  
in earth, sea and sky  
you are ever present.

But where we have not touched but trampled you in creation;  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Where we have not honoured but avoided you  
in one another;  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Where we have not received but rejected  
your goodness;  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love bring us back to Godself,  
forgive us and free us from our sins,  
heal and strengthen us by the Spirit,  
and assure us of God's eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **Collect**

**Almighty God,  
You have made us for yourself,  
And our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:  
Pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,  
And so bring us at last to your heavenly city  
Where we shall see you face to face;**

**Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
Who is alive and reigns with you,  
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
One God, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

## Reading

*At the end of the reading:*

Hear the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## Reflection

*The reflection is given by a member of the congregation or the clergy team. If you would like to have a go one day please let us know.*

## Prayers of Intercession

*At the end of each prayer of intercession, this or another response may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

## The Peace

*Please stand to share the peace.*

We are the body of Christ.  
**By one Spirit we were baptised into one body.**

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.  
**We are bound by the love of Christ.**

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a wave or handshake as a sign of peace.*

***Hymn / Chant***

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

Lord God, as we come to share the richness of your table, we cannot forget the pain of your children and ignore the cry of the earth.

We cannot take bread and forget those who are hungry. We cannot take wine and forget those who are thirsty. We cannot hear your words of peace and forget the world at war or preparing for it. We cannot celebrate the feast of your family and forget our divisions.

The earth and its people cry out for justice.

**Lord, show us our part in healing your church, your world and all creation.**

For us you were born, for us you healed, preached, taught and showed us the way of heaven;  
For us you were crucified and for us, after death, you rose again.

Lord Jesus Christ, present with us now, for all you have done and all you have promised we bring our praise and thanks.

So as we do in this place what you did in the upper room, send down your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine that they may become for us your body and blood, healing, forgiving and making us whole and that we may become your body, loving and caring in the world until your kingdom comes.

Among friends, gathered round the table, Jesus took bread, broke it and said, 'This is my body, it is given for you.'  
And later he took the cup of wine and said, 'This is the new covenant with God, made possible because of my death. Take this, all of you, to remember me.'

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

Behold, here is your Lord coming to you in bread and wine.  
These are the gifts of God, for the people of God.  
**Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us so we pray:

**Blessed One, our Father and our Mother  
Holy is your name.  
May your love be enacted in the world.  
May your will be done on earth as in the heavens.  
With the bread we need this day, feed us.  
For the hurt we inflict on one another, forgive us.  
By your grace and mercy,  
strengthen us through times of temptation,  
and spare us from trials too great to endure.  
Free us from bigotry and evil, for service and truth.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is Love, now  
and forever.  
Amen.**

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

***Bread and Wine are shared. Everyone is welcome to  
receive. Gluten-free wafers are available.  
If you prefer to receive a blessing, or to take the bread  
but not wine you are welcome to.***

***After communion we hold a period of silence together.***

**Generous God,  
you have fed us at your heavenly table.  
Set us on fire with your Spirit  
that when Christ comes again  
we may shine like lights before his face,  
who with you and the Spirit lives for ever.**

**Amen.**

**Notices**

**Blessing**

May God who in Christ gives us a spring of water welling up to eternal life, perfect in you the image of his glory;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
our creator, redeemer and sustainer,  
be with you and those you love,  
this day and always.

**Amen.**

***Closing Hymn***

**Dismissal**

Our service has ended,  
Our service begins.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,  
**In the name of Christ,**

**Amen.**

***Please join us after the service in the Forum next door for tea and cake. If this is your first time at Open Table please do say hello to someone on the team today.***