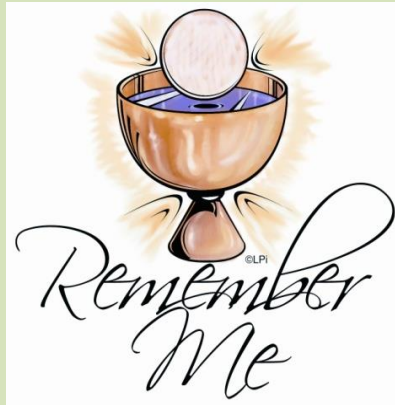


Everyday Communion



SCRIPTURE

Every time you eat this bread and drink from this cup you proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes. [1 Cor. 11.26]

HYMN

MEETING

Lord, our God, you are always with us, but this is the special time and place where we meet together with you. Here, in Jesus, you will speak with us; you will touch our lives with your gracious presence and give us your peace. Here, your Spirit will enfold us in your love and power. Here we may thrill with a sense of your glory.

SORTING OUT

Lord, our God, we come to you from the busyness of daily life, knowing our need for peace. Help us to sort ourselves out in your presence.

We want to put out the rubbish - all the unnecessary clutter of life - the things which get in the way of really living - the unloving and unhelpful thoughts, words, and actions.

We want to clean up our daily life; to let go of the things which breed anxiety and crowd out truth and goodness, faith and holiness, love, beauty and peace.

We want to put things right; to restore relationships. Give us your strength to lose our pride and self that we may have peace with you, with each other and in ourselves.

Father, because of Jesus' self-giving love which culminated in the cross, by our faith in him we may have forgiveness, peace and eternal life always.

God our Father, we come to the cross of Jesus; where lives are sorted out; where sins are forgiven; where saints are made. We claim again your forgiveness; your gracious gift of eternal life; your strength for a fresh start each day.

HYMN

LISTENING TO THE WORD

The Epistle and Gospel are read

HYMN

INTERCESSIONS

*Prayers are offered for the Church, the World,
the Community, Ourselves and others in need*

Response:

Lord, your love changes things

We join our love to yours in prayer and practical action

OFFERING

HYMN

BREAD AND WINE

The table is spread
Here is bread; Here is wine
The food and drink of daily life
The signs our Lord Jesus gave us to remember him by.

READING John 6 : 35 and 40

Lord our God we thank you for the gift of bread;
We thank you for the grain, the soil, the rain, the sun;
We thank you for those who have sown, reaped, milled, and baked, working with you to provide our daily bread

We thank you for Jesus, who is the Living Bread
Who satisfies our every need and gives us eternal life;
Who gave himself to be broken on the Cross, as bread is broken, so that raised to life, he may live in us:
We feed on him by faith, as we feed on bread by eating

***Jesus, bread of life, we give you thanks;
we trust in you; we take your gift of Life***

READING John 15 : 5 and 8

Lord our God we thank you for the gift of wine
We thank you for the vine, the sunshine, and the winepress

We thank you for Jesus, the true vine, whose love unites us to him as branches are part of the tree;
Who suffered for us on the Cross, just as grapes are crushed in the wine press.

We thank you for Jesus who gave us wine as the sign of his blood shed on the Cross, to reconcile us to you, and the cup as a token of our sharing by faith in his sacrifice.

***Jesus, living vine, unite us to you;
we trust in you; we share in your eternal life.***

SILENCE *(for personal reflection)*

The Lord Jesus on the night he was betrayed, took a piece of bread, gave thanks to God, broke it, and said, 'This is my body which is for you. Do this in memory of me.' In the same way, after the supper he took the cup and said, 'This cup is God's new covenant, sealed with my blood. Whenever you drink it, do so in memory of me.' [1 Cor 11]

SHARING BREAD AND WINE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE RETURNING

Lord Jesus Christ, we return to the life of everyday knowing that now it will be transformed by your presence. Help us to find you in every moment and every place so that we may be able to say, 'God is here!'

HYMN

THE BLESSING

The blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be ours in our everyday