

St John's Church Wakefield
14 February 2021

Family Communion on St Valentine's Day

We gather

Opening Prayer

We come together to worship God. Even though we are separated, we are together because God's Holy Spirit is with us. Let us recognise his presence now.

Silence is kept

Praise God! For the Lord our God the almighty reigns!

Let us rejoice and be glad and give him the glory.

Happy are those who have been invited to the wedding-feast of the Lamb.

Amen. Praise the Lord!

Praise

Song

**As we are gathered, Jesus is here,
One with each other, Jesus is here;
Joined by the Spirit, washed in his blood,
Part of the body, the Church of God.
As we are gathered, Jesus is here,
One with each other, Jesus is here.**

Words and music: John Daniels

Opening Activity

Jesus says, 'Freely you have received, freely give.'

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Jesus says, 'Love one another as I have loved you.'

Christ have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Jesus says, 'Forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love
bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins,
and assure us of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Prayer for Today

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness,
from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
un the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Bible Reading: Luke 10:25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Song

**Father, we love you, we worship and adore you:
glorify your name in all the earth.
Glorify your name, glorify your name,
glorify your name in all the earth.**

**Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you:
glorify your name in all the earth.
Glorify your name, glorify your name,
glorify your name in all the earth.**

**Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore you:
glorify your name in all the earth.
Glorify your name, glorify your name,
glorify your name in all the earth.**

Words & Music: Donna Adkins

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Talk

We respond

Statement of Faith

Let's speak out together what we believe:

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers

During our prayers this response will be used:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

St John's Prayer for growth:

**God of mission, you give fresh life to St John's.
Send your Holy Spirit to give
vision to our planning,
wisdom to our activities,
and power to our witness,
that we may grow in love and commitment to you,
in number of disciples,
and in loving service to our neighbours
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen

At the end we say:

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Peace

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole,
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Song

**Brother, sister let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey,
we're companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.**

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.**

Words and music: Richard Gillard

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Remembrance

The Lord is here

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is always right to give you thanks,
God our Creator,
loving and faithful,
holy and strong.

You made us
and the whole universe,
and filled your world with life.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood,
the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died.
Jesus Christ has died.
Jesus Christ is risen.
Jesus Christ is risen.
Jesus Christ will come again.
Jesus Christ will come again.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit,
that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us
that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
for thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

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.**

Invitation to Communion

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

The Giving of Communion

The body and blood of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The President receives communion and then gives communion to the other ministers.

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, we offer you our thanks that, through our earthly lives,
you speak of your eternal life.

We rejoice in the wonder of creation, the gift of human life
and the many blessings that our relationships bring.

Renew in us the fruits of your Holy Spirit;
that love, joy and peace may abound in our homes,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father,

**We offer you our souls and bodies,
our thoughts and words and deeds,
our love for one another.**

**Unite our wills in your will,
that we may grow
in love and peace
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Song

**Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining:
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us;
set us free by the truth you now bring us -
shine on me, shine on me.**

***Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire.***

***Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word,
Lord, and let there be light!***

**Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness:
set us free by the truth you now bring us
shine on me, shine on me.**

Chorus

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory:
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story -
shine on me, shine on me.**

Chorus

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We go out to serve God

Blessing

God the Holy Trinity make us strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.