



## **Sunday Communion Service**

5 September 2021 (Pentecost 15)

This Sunday, we are invited to join Communion. Communion is a sacred time of fellowship with God, where believers remember Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. In this unique time of worship, we commemorate the Lord's death through prayer and meditation. It is accompanied by partaking of a small piece of bread and sip of wine or grape juice. During the lockdown, online communion is allowed so you may feel comfortable prepare and partake wherever you are.

This time of worship we will join two special prayers that are offered by Susan Spencer and Clemente Valdez, which bring their hearts to God and to us all. Each prayer is led in their languages in heart, Mandarin and Tagalog. The worship service is prepared by Christy Kim (Bible Reading), Rosemary Brook (Kids Talk), Joshua Yeon (Prayers of the People), Lenny Lee (Prayer for Father's Day) and the music team. We thank them for passion and energy in serving God.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

God has given us eternal life, and this life is to be found in His Son. Ones who possess the Son has life indeed. Thus, we can approach God with confidence for this reason.

*Let us worship.*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

### **Adoration**

Humbly and reverently, yet freely and gladly,  
we greet you, our God, the living God.  
Creator of life, we took our origin from you.  
Preserver of life, we gather to seek your sustaining strength.  
Renewer of life, we rejoice in the promise  
that your blessings are prepared for us.

### **Confession and declaration of forgiveness**

In your amazing grace, most loving Father,  
you offer us the blessing of forgiveness.  
We acknowledge that we need to be forgiven,  
for we have turned aside from the narrow road that leads to life.  
We repent of our shortcomings in faith, obedience, and love.  
Hear us, therefore, when we pray:  
Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

Let us receive from the Scripture a word of mercy to all who have sinned:  
'As I live, says the Lord God,  
I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked,  
but that the wicked turn from his way and live.'

Accept then the offered pardon and mercy of God.

### **Petition**

Lord, you have set before us life and good, and death and evil – let us choose good, let us choose you, that we may live. Let us be better today than yesterday, and better tomorrow than today. Yes, Lord, enable us to lay hold on life by faith in you, by good works done through you, for you came that we might have life ever more and more abundantly, world without end.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

### **BIBLE READINGS CHRISTY KIM**

Gospel reading: Mark 7:24-30 (New King James Version)

#### **A Gentile Shows Her Faith**

<sup>24</sup> From there He arose and went to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And He entered a house and wanted no one to know *it*, but He could not be hidden. <sup>25</sup> For a woman whose young daughter had an unclean spirit heard about Him, and she came and fell at His feet. <sup>26</sup> The woman was a Greek, a Syro-Phoenician by birth, and she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup> But Jesus said to her, “Let the children be filled first, for it is not good to take the children’s bread and throw *it* to the little dogs.”

<sup>28</sup> And she answered and said to Him, “Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under the table eat from the children’s crumbs.”

<sup>29</sup> Then He said to her, “For this saying go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter.”

<sup>30</sup> And when she had come to her house, she found the demon gone out, and her daughter lying on the bed.

Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Second Reading: James 2:14-17 (New King James Version)

### **Faith Without Works Is Dead**

<sup>14</sup> What *does it* profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? <sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, <sup>16</sup> and one of you says to them, “Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,” but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what *does it* profit? <sup>17</sup> Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **SONG PSALM 42**

There's a quiet place  
That gives me peace when I'm alone with You  
There's a hiding place  
Your Spirit's always there when I'm confused  
Only You can purify  
All this world won't ever satisfy  
My heart, it cries

As the deer pants for the water  
So my soul, need You Lord  
When thirsty God, You're the living water  
And my soul, need You Lord  
I need You Lord

I'm a stranger here  
Thirsty 'cause I know it's not my home  
Like a desert here  
I need Your living Word for these dry bones  
Jesus fill us up again  
With Your presence flowing deep within  
New life begins

Quench our hearts and fill this space with Heaven like a flood  
Holy One reign down on us with Your consuming love  
Ooh, quench our hearts and fill this place with Heaven like a flood  
Holy One reign down on us with Your consuming love

I need, I need, I need you Lord

[Kirk Franklin](#) | [Victoria Loren Kelly](#)

## **KIDS TALK    ROSEMARY BROOK**

Good morning to all our young people and to all who are young at heart!

Yes, today is Father's Day... a day we show extra love and thanks to all the loving fathers, grandfathers, and those who have been like fathers to us and to others- both in our church and in our wider families! We send you love and thanks!

This week, I've discovered some interesting facts relevant to Father's Day- perhaps you have some favourite facts too...

### **Did you know?**

- The first modern celebration of Father's Day was in June 1910 – in the USA at the Spokane YMCA in Washington state.

- Father's Day was 'invented' by Mrs Sonora Smart Dodd who wanted to honour her very dear father, an American Civil War veteran, and who as a single parent, had raised his six children.
- Mrs Dodd had heard about Mother's Day which had been celebrated a year or so before in the US and she wanted a similar day to honour fathers.
- Incidentally, both Father's Day and Mother's Day were inspired by ladies with strong connections to the Church.
- However, Father's Day didn't take off in popularity until some years after 1910. For example,
  - In 1966 President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation that resulted in the declaration of the third Sunday of June as Father's Day in America.
  - In 1972, Father's Day was signed into law by President Richard Nixon.
- An interesting task for you today might be to find out who has the world record for having the most number of children officially recorded. It is truly incredible and the record belongs to....? (Hint: a married couple in Russia!)

We can learn so much from our dads and grandfathers, can't we? Being with them; watching what they do; listening to what they say; and sometimes they might write to us from the heart.

I came across some advice written by two American dads, members of the church, in letters to their sons and I've chosen just 3 or 4 points to talk about. These points also apply to daughters!

### **1. Be brave...Do courageous things**

Don't be afraid to have big ideas and *be* courageous.

Throughout our life, there will be times when we are scared. But we will be far from alone. How we respond, helps shape who we become.

With courage, we need to do what's right regardless of what's popular. And as our courage expands, so too will our depth of character. Build our life upon a foundation of courage.

## 2. Be a worker

I found this point interesting. God is a worker. He takes joy in creating. Work was part of His design to bring joy and fulfillment. God never intended for us to be bored and miserable from nine to five. He wants us to take pleasure in work – and to be ready and willing to work hard (and I think, work well with others).

3. **Grow in wisdom**, as the reading from Proverbs 2: 1-2 today encourages us.

Be with wise people and become wise. The people you spend lots of time with will influence the choices you make and the actions you take today and tomorrow. *This is my prayer for you, son: associate with the wise and become wise.* We need to take Jesus' message seriously and so become wise role models for others.

Proverbs 2:1-2 <sup>1</sup>My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, <sup>2</sup>turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding...

Source: [Ten Things Every Dad Should Tell His Son - Beliefnet](#)

Now, I was also interested to learn that much earlier in the 10<sup>th</sup> century, fathers had been honoured by the church on **St Joseph's Day** which of course is a day to remember Jesus' earthly father, Joseph. Joseph had a number of children. We know Jesus was his eldest but he and Mary also had James, Joses, Judas, Simon, and of course, their daughters.

Which made me think, **I wonder what advice Joseph may have given Jesus and his other children as Jesus was growing up?** He must

have been a pretty amazing dad! I'll let you think this over with your family on this special Father's Day.

In closing, as I was walking around the neighbourhood the other day, I came across some encouraging quotations that a neighbour had placed on their front fence.

This one I particularly liked:

*A diamond is a chunk of coal that did well under pressure.*

HENRY KISSINGER

A diamond is also a symbol of deep and everlasting love. Just like the love of our Heavenly Father.

*Let us pray...*

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for loving us... all the time!

Thank you for our loving dads, grandfathers and all those who care for us.

Help us to be brave, hardworking, creative and wise, like Jesus.

And be with all the fathers and grandfathers and our friends and neighbours whose lives have changed so much because of the way things are at the moment. We are thinking of them.

In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

### **Answer to that task on the other page**

The world record for having the most number of children officially recorded is 69 by the first wife of Feodor Vassilyev (1707-1782), a peasant from Moscow. His first wife gave birth to 16 pairs of twins, seven sets of triplets and four sets of quadruplets. Imagine their dinnertimes!



## SERMON

He concerns me. Who? Jesus my Lord. From the gospel reading, I found that Jesus seemed to have no private space to rest. Some might say that he is the Son of God so that he doesn't need any human needs. I would say no. As a man, he might have needed a retreat from time to time from all his hard-working public ministry with peoples and all sorts of their human needs. We know he walked with his friends and followers, visiting cities and villages to meet people and to spend time with them. He was accompanied by many people unless he prayed in wilderness. I don't know whether Tyre and Sidon were such good ancient cities for him to hide from the suffering of the world. His tiny wish for selfcare was ruined by a woman. This woman sought to find him because her daughter had an unclean spirit. Moreover, the woman was a gentile who was not accepted by the Jews. Think about it. A gentile woman comes to visit a Jewish man who stays in where she lives. How could Jesus act to her? How could the woman react to the Son of God?

The woman walked in and occupied the space where Jesus supposed to have rest. Was she rude? Was she keen to bother a Jewish man? She had no time to wait until someone heals her daughter. When she heard or saw the man from Galilee came in the city, she immediately ran to Jesus. And then she bowed down, saying, "Lord." Then she begged him to give a little tiny piece of blessing upon her ill daughter. We know well Jesus in his first attempt ignored her presence in that space and her request of healing her daughter. The author describes that she is a Syrian-Phoenician born Greek. She might be well educated, have a good social position, and possess many property and wealth. But what she owned was not important. The most important thing to her was her daughter and her wellbeing in life. She ran, knelt before a Jewish man, obeyed him as her Lord, and begged whatever comes from him. She told Jesus that she is a little dog. She emptied herself up. She just wanted her daughter to get well and be freed from unclean spirit and then live as other girls in the city. As a result of her reaction to the Lord, she found that her daughter was lying on the bed when she came home. A life

of her daughter is back to what it should be. A life of the Greek woman is back to what it has to be. The life in Jesus.

When I studied about the passage, words from Matthew 5:14-16 came across clearly. Jesus said the word well to his friends when they walked up on a mountain.

“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

I hope you could get what I came across. Jesus talks about our identity and role in this world. The light of the world. A city upon a hill. A lamp on a lampstand. And let the world see our Father in heaven by good works we commit and thrive everyday. We cannot be hidden from this world and the suffering of the world. And we cannot hide the Lordship of Jesus Christ and all that he did in his public ministry. We are called to crack and reveal God willing. We are called to unpack Jesus’ mission in this world though the world does not comprehend it.

The gospel of John begins by telling the world about who God is in Jesus Christ, the eternal word.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. (John 1:1-5)

From the beginning till the end and beyond, Jesus in God, and the eternal Word cannot be hidden. Always be and always do. I believe that in this challenging time of COVID-19, the eternal Word Jesus Christ calls us to bear all our pains, struggles, and changes as we pray in his name. Praise and Prayer are the most powerful tools for all Christian. Maybe this time, we need prayer for each other and for this world. So what would you pray today? To pray is to awake our soul and spirit that always want to be calm and quiet. Your prayer may alert your soul to the danger of saying, “It’s ok. I am fine.” There are many population who are suffered from the Pandemic and its related issues. They might be your friends or family. Like the Syro-Phoenician woman who saved her daughter’s life by emptying herself up before Jesus, it is now our turn to hold each other in prayer – a prayer that makes people live and change the situations around us. We know we have faith. But the faith that is not accompanied by action is dead. I don’t want us to have dead faith. Our faith must be alive this moment. Let us show our faith by our works in prayer.

I prayed with the song I used to sing years ago. This tune is called *I Stay in the Garden with Him*. Then my soul was singing. My heart was running fast when I meditate the verse three of the hymn.

I'd stay in the garden with Him  
Tho' the night around me be falling;  
But He bids me go; thro' the voice of woe,  
His voice to me is calling.

*And He walks with me, and He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own,  
And the joy we share as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.*

Dear my friends here at Boronia Park Uniting Church and guests, let us go and pray together. And call the mighty name of God and the Lord Jesus

Christ in your prayer. When you call, God will answer. I believe that this is how our prayer works. And then have faith in him accompanied by your act for peace, love and hope. In this, the world can see who God is.

“Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday, today, and forever.” (Hebrews 13:8)

Amen.

## **PRAYER ONE      SUSAN SPENCER**

亲爱的耶稣,我们感谢你!今天我要为这个世界来祷告,为这个疫情的世界来祷告,耶稣,你爱我们,我们也爱你,当我们这个世界发生疫情的时候,我心里感觉到世人都犯了罪,请求你的原谅。

你知道当我们在这个世界活着的时候,相信我们主,让我们的爱心来显示对主的真诚。

主啊,我们是罪人,我们知道在这个世界爆发的疫情,让很多人没有工作,都没有经济的能力去生存,主阿,今天给每个人有力量,有信心,在你面前的祈求和祷告,坚定在你的爱里面,有信心来保证我们每个人的希望。主阿,我们相信。

尤其是澳洲发生了疫情的时候,每个人没有机会去教会,主阿,让我们每个人在家也能够来思想你的话语,不要给我们落在撒旦的诡计,要我们有坚强的信心来抵抗魔鬼,主啊,你爱我们,来帮助这个澳洲国家早日复兴起来,人们有力量,回到我们的教会。

Dear Jesus, we thank you!

Today I pray for the Pandemic world. Jesus, you love us, and we love you, I feel in my heart that the world has sinned and asked for your forgiveness.

You know that when we live in this world, believe in our Lord, and let our love show our sincerity to the Lord.

Lord, we are sinners, and we know that the Pandemic has left many people without jobs and financial difficulty to survive.

Lord, give everyone strength, confidence, that we can pray before you, firmness in your love.

Grant us hope for each one of us.

Lord, we know that specially during the lockdown in Australia, everyone can't go to church.

Lord, let each one of us at home can also come to think of your divine words, do not lead us into temptations, but deliver us from evil.

Lord, you love us, please help this nation to recover as soon as possible, people have the strength to return to our Church very soon. Amen.

## **PRAYER TWO      CLEMENTE VALDEZ (LENNY'S FATHER)**

Panginoon naming makapangyarihan sa lahat, kami ay nagpapasalamat sa pagkakataong ito na ibinigay mo sa amin upang magkaisang lalapit sa iyo at ipanalangin namin ang aming mga kabataan sa komunidad na ito.

Mahal naming Diyos, kami ay nananalangin na patibayin mo nawa ang pananampalataya ng mga kabataang ito habang patuloy ka nilang kikilalanin sa kanilang mga buhay. Patnubayan mo po sila Panginoon Diyos sa kanilang pagbabahagi ng kanilang pananampalataya sa mga kaibigan nila at iba pang

mga taong kanilang makikilala upang sa ganoon ay lumaganap ang iyong Evangelio. Paligiran mo po sila O Diyos ng iyong pagmamahal at proteksyon lalong lalo na ngayon at laganap ang COVID sa komunidad. Tulungan mo sila sa kanilang pagtitiis at kalungkutan dahil sa hindi nila nakakasama ang kanilang mga kaibigan ngayong panahon ng "lockdown". At kung panahon na na sila ay babalik sa kanilang mga paaralan, ilayo mo sila O Diyos sa panganib sa kanilang paglalakbay.

Mahal naming Diyos, ipinapanalangin namin ang mga kabataan namin na nasa Year 12. Sa ngayon at sa mga darating na araw, haharapin nila ang mga pagsusulit ng HSC. Bigyan mo po sila ng kakayahan na maalaala nila ang lahat ng mga aralin na kanilang napag-aralan noong mga nakaraang panahon, at bigyan mo rin po sila ng kumpiyansa na sagutin ang mga katanungan na nasa harapan nila. Idinadalangin namin Panginoon na bigyan mo sila ng kapayapaan ng pag-iisip upang mapagtanto nila na ikaw nga ay nasa tabi nila at magtiwala sila saiyo sa lahat ng panahon. Idinadalangin namin ang kanilang mga magulang at mga taga-pangalaga. Patnubayan mo sila, O Diyos, at ibuhos mo sa kanilang mga puso ang Espiritu Santo ng sa ganoon ay hindi sila magsasawang mahal, suportahan, at gabayan ang kanilang mga anak o kaya mga inaalagaan.

Mapagmahal na Diyos, ipinapanalangin din namin ang aming mga kabataan na nasa Unibersidad, sa TAFE at yaong mga kumukuha ng apprenticeships. Nawa Panginoon ay patuloy mo silang gabayan sa kanilang pagpupursigi sa kanilang pagaaral upang sa ganoon ay makamtan nila ang kanilang mga pangarap sa buhay. Patnubayan mo sila O Diyos upang mapagtanto nila na kasama ka nila sa kanilang paglalakbay sa yugtong ito ng kanilang buhay. Gabayan mo sila upang hindi sila lumihis sa matuwid na landas na siya mong inihanda para sa kanila. Itanim mo sa kanilang mga puso at isipan ang pananampalataya sa iyo O Diyos.

Mahal naming Diyos ipinapanalangin din po namin ang mga iba pang mga kabataan sa aming mga Iglesia. Tulungan mo po sila Panginoon na indahin

ang mga pagsubok ng pag-aaral sa kanilang mga tahanan ngayon at hindi sa kanilang eskwelahan. Tulungan mo rin po sila na indahin ang kalungkutan dahil hindi nila nakikita at nakakahalobilo ang kanilang mga kaibigan. Patnubayan mo po sila Panginoon nang sa ganoon ay hindi sila mahiwalay sa kanilang pananampalataya sa iyo at matanto nila ang iyong kalooban para sa kanila.

Ito ang aming samo at dalangin sa pangalan ng aming Panginoon at Tapagligtas na si Jesu Cristo. AMEN.

Almighty God our Heavenly Father, we thank you for gathering us together at this time to pray for the Young People of our community.

Eternal God, we pray that you will strengthen the faith of our Young People as they continue to learn more about you.

We pray for your guidance upon them as they share their faith to their friends and to those who they come in contact with.

Surround them O God, with your love and protection especially at this time when the spread of the COVID is uncontrolled. Help them through the feeling of isolation from their friends during this time. Keep them safe when the time comes for them to travel to and from their school or wherever they may be going.

Loving God, we pray for our Young People who are in Year 12. They are, at this time, and in the days to come, facing the challenges of taking the HSC examinations.

We pray O God, that you will give them the ability to recollect all the lessons that they have learned in the past and the confidence to answer questions that are before them.

We pray, Heavenly Father, that you will give them the peace of mind that they will realise that you are with them every step of the way. We pray for their parents and carers.

Bless them O Lord, and pour the Holy Spirit upon them that they will continue to give their love, support and encouragement to their children, or children in their care, not only during this time but for always.

Gracious God, we pray also for our Young People who are in the University, TAFE and those who are doing their apprenticeships. We pray that you will continue to guide them in their pursuit and realisation of their dreams to finish their studies.

Bless them O Lord, that they will always remember that you are there with them during this part of their journey in life.

Keep them O God, in the right path and instil in their hearts the faith in you.

Loving God, we also pray for the younger students in our church. Help them through the challenges of learning from home and being away from their friends at school.

Bless them O God, that they will not go astray from their faith and enable them to discern your will for them.

This we pray in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.  
AMEN.

## **A PRAYER FOR FATHER'S DAY LENNY LEE**

Loving God,



We ask that you bless each and every father, grandfather and father-figure in our congregation and community especially today. We pray that you will give them the wisdom and the strength to set good examples for their families.

We thank you for our fathers and grandfathers. For those who live with their fathers, we pray that they will cherish the special times they have with their dads.

for some of us Through these locked down times, it may be difficult for us to see our dads, may we find ways to communicate regularly with our fathers to show them that we care for them.

And for some of us whose fathers have passed on, may we remember all the lessons that they have taught us to be the people that we are today.

We thank you most especially for you our heavenly father. Thank you for loving us and for teaching us how to live a life of Service for all your children.

We pray all this, in Jesus' name. Amen.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE JOSHUA YEON**

Dear heavenly Father,

thank you for the opportunity you have given us to gather together via the internet and worship you.

We give you praise for all the protection you have given our church members at home for our families, in our community and in the world. In the past couple of months, everyone has faced troubles and fears like no one has ever imagined. During these times, you helped us and gave us hope to

trust in. We want to thank you for protecting us and keeping us safe. Thank you for helping us when we needed it.

Lord, we have a growing number of youth members at our church. They are soon to be back at their schools, or daycares, or universities. As these youth members get back to wherever they go, please assist them in their journey towards you and their goals and nurture them to be the person you visioned them to be. We pray for the teachers and caregivers that will protect and teach the kids here. We pray that they will keep us safe and teach us the things we can use in our future lives. We pray for the many year 12 students in Sydney who are in their trial HSC exam period. We pray that with everything going on, they will be able to control the stress and pressure put on them while sitting the exam in lockdown. Lord, put comfort and peace in their hearts, so that the students won't have to go through such troubled times alone.

Lord, We pray for the churches around us; Catholic parish of Villa Maria Holy Name of Mary and St. Peter Chanel. We pray for their ministry and their strength in faith during such troubling times. Father, we pray that they stay strong in their belief and have hope for the months to come. We pray for their preachers, Father Kevin and Father Aliko and all their parishioners. We pray that they will lead by example and guide them in the right path leading to you.

In the world cycle of prayer, we pray for Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Togo. As they face the same troubles as we do, we pray that you keep them safe and away from harm. We pray for those working to alleviate the poverty, illiteracy and hunger that so many in these countries still experience. We pray for churches faithfully bringing the gospel to, and serving, all people with greater respect for how those of other faiths express their spirituality. And, we pray for emotional and physical healing, and restoring hope in people who are victims of conflict, disease and human rights abuses.

Lord, the majority of Sydney has had a large outbreak of COVID-19. There has been multiple casualties and the hospitals are fully packed with patients. As the vaccination rates have gone up we are soon out of lockdown. Please protect us and our loved ones. We pray that you give our government the wisdom to handle the virus in an efficient way and have our city be brought back to life.

Lord, we pray for our congregation. It has been a very long time since we last gathered and we would ask you for the support and comfort that you have given us so far. We pray that you look over our church and its members, that you keep them healthy and out of harm, especially the coronavirus.

We pray for all these things in your wonderful name, Amen.

## **OFFERING AND DEDICATION**

The offering will be used for the congregation's continuing mission and ministry in these changing times. Please make your offering through a Bank Deposit or a personal cheque whichever is convenient to you.

**Account Name: Boronia Park Uniting Church**

**BSB: 634-634**

**Account: 100023784**

**Reference: Offering**

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### **Offering prayer**

Holy God,

please use the gifts  
which we offer to you,  
to restore joy to those seeking hope,  
to give eternal food to the hungry in soul,  
and to pour out your willing spirits on us,  
that we might be servants  
to all our neighbours.  
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

## **THE PEACE**

Many grains were gathered together to make this bread,  
many grapes were mixed to make the juice  
and fill this cup.

So we who are many,  
and come from many places,  
are one in Christ.

May the Peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## **COMMUNION HYMN FATHER, WE GIVE YOU THANKS**

Father, we give you thanks, who planted  
your holy name within our hearts.  
Knowledge and faith and life immortal  
Jesus your Son to us imparts.

Lord, you have made all for your pleasure,  
and given us food for all our days,  
giving in Christ the bread eternal;  
yours is the power, be yours the praise.

Over your church, Lord, watch in mercy,  
save it from evil, guard it still,  
perfect it in your love, unite it,  
cleansed and conforming to your will.

As grain, once scattered on the hillsides,  
was in the broken bread made one,  
so may your world-wide church be gathered  
into your kingdom by your Son.

## **THANKSGIVING PRAYER**

We offer you praise, dear God,  
and hearts lifted high,  
for in the communion of your love  
Christ comes close to us  
and we come close to Christ.

Therefore with the whole creation around us,  
with earth, sea and sky,  
we sing to you,  
especially this spring day.

With the angels of light who envelop us,  
with the host of heaven,  
with all the saints before and beside us,  
with all who cannot join us in spirit,  
with brothers and sisters,  
east and west, north and south,  
we sing to you.

And with our loved ones,  
separate from us now,

who yet in this mystery are close to us,  
we join in the song of your unending greatness.

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

## **BREAKING THE BREAD**

Look! The body of Christ is broken for the life of the world.  
Here is Christ coming to us in bread and the cup.

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**The body of Christ.**

## **THE COMMUNION**

All is prepared so please come join this Table.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
    我們在天上的父，  
    願人都尊祢的名為聖，  
        하늘에 계신 우리 아버지，  
        아버지의 이름을 거룩하게 하시며，

your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

願祢的國降臨，  
願祢的旨意行在地上，  
如同行在天上。

아버지의 나라가 오게 하시며,  
아버지의 뜻이 하늘에서와 같이  
땅에서도 이루어지게 하소서.

Give us today our daily bread.

我們日用的飲食 今日賜給我們，  
오늘 우리에게 일용할 양식을 주시고，

Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.

免我們的債 如同我們免了人的債  
우리가 우리에게 잘못한 사람을  
용서하여 준 것같이  
우리 죄를 용서하여 주시고，

Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.

不叫我們遇見試探，  
救我們脫離兇惡，  
우리를 시험에 빠지지 않게 하시고  
악에서 구하소서.

For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours now and for ever.

因為國度，權柄，榮耀，全是祢的，直到永遠。  
나라와 권능과 영광이 영원히 아버지의 것입니다.

Amen.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Lord Jesus, we love and adore you.  
You're a special friend to us.

Welcome, Lord Jesus, o welcome.

Thank you for coming to us.  
Thank you, Lord Jesus,  
O thank you for giving yourself to us.

Make us strong to show your love  
wherever we may be.

Be near us, Lord Jesus,  
we ask you to stay close by us forever  
and love us, we pray.

Bless all of us children in your loving care  
and bring us to heaven to live with you there.

We are ready now, Lord Jesus,  
to show how much we care.

We are ready now to give your love  
at home and everywhere.

Amen.

## **SONG    WHO IS THIS MAN (M. PEARSON)**

Who is this man, who gathered people to him,  
and touched their lives along each dusty way;  
who spoke to all with passion and with peacefulness  
and valued all their ordinary days?



Who is this man, who, at the long day's ending,  
would draw apart to wait on God and pray,  
and, in that mystery that knows no ending,  
would find God's wisdom and would know God's words to say?

Who is this man, who gave to women dignity  
in partnership of worth and equal grace,  
who listened to the stories that they told him  
and honoured all, whatever was their place?  
Who let them choose to come and join his company,  
and learned with them God's love for every race,  
who showed to each the courage of their nature  
to care and tend each lonely and each suffering face.

Who is this man, who spoke to men of gentleness  
and showed them all the children at this side;  
who taught of love and justice for all people  
and took a towel and washed away their pride?  
In him they saw the strength of truth and mercy,  
and how he trusted God to be his guide,  
knew how he led them through misunderstanding,  
and then forgave them when they ran away to hide.

Who is this man who calls us now to follow,  
a shadow presence asking us to be  
companions on the way through this life's journey,  
to live in truth, to set our tired world free?  
So let us find each other now in partnership  
with ears to hear and eyes awake to see,  
that we might grow in grace and understanding  
and walk beside that man who comes from Galilee.

**BLESSING**

Go with the Father of the poor,  
go with the Light of our hearts,  
go with the Generous Spirit,  
by the encouragement of the Creation around us,  
by the inspiration of the forgiveness within us,  
by the invitation of the Holy Spirit.

Renew your family, circle of friends,  
neighbours near and far and yourself,  
so that other may know that we are His disciples.

The blessing of God almighty,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.  
Amen.

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