

St
Martin
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Fields

Bread for the World

An Informal Eucharist

Wednesday 29 June 2022

Introit Holy Spirit, living breath of God Getty

Welcome and Opening Prayers Revd Sally Hitchiner

Creator God,
Come to us, in the difference of every life gathered
Come to us in song
Come to us in word
Come to us in stillness and silence
Come to us in our care for one another
Come to us in bread and wine
Come to us in flesh and blood
Reach out across time
Be present in all time.

All **Amen**

All **Come Jesus, be our guest,
Stay with us for day is ending.
With friend, with stranger,
With young and old,
With the lost and found
Be among us tonight
Our guest our host
The one who says all – all are welcome here.**

Opening Hymn

- 1 **O Christ, the Healer, we have come
To pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored,
When reached by love that never ends?**
- 2 **From every ailment flesh endures
Our bodies clamour to be freed;
Yet in our hearts we would confess
That wholeness is our deepest need.**
- 3 **How strong, O Lord, are our desires,
How weak our knowledge of ourselves!
Release in us those healing truths
Unconscious pride resists or shelves.**
- 4 **In conflicts that destroy our health
We diagnose the world's disease;
Our common life declares our ills:
Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?**
- 5 **Grant that we all, made one in faith,
In your community may find
The wholeness that, enriching us,
Shall reach the whole of humankind.**

Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

Prayers of Forgiveness

God longs to be with us. But we often live in alienation from God, ourselves, one another and God's creation. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

Because the world is beautiful but beauty is easily destroyed, we need you.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Because we often abandon you and turn away and walk past and are afraid and countless times betray you but you love us to the end and win a victory over all hatred, we need you.

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Because we have your message to proclaim, because we have your kingdom to build, because there are so many in need of your love, because we have your life to live.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

And Jesus said "Your sins are forgiven"

In the name of the Father who created you and waits to welcome you home, in the name of the Son who searches for you, in the name of the Spirit who brings the healing of forgiveness and calls you to do the same, you have been set free.

All **Amen.**

Words on the Edge Matthew 8:23-27

And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him.

A windstorm arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. And they went and woke him up, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, you of little faith?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. They were amazed, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?"

Reflection Revd Sally Hitchner Praying for friends when they are sick

Anthem Litany to the Holy Spirit Peter Hurford

Prayers

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayer of Concern

Prayer of Hope

Each prayer ends with 'We pray to you'

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that

The image shows the first system of musical notation for a prayer. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 3/4 time. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

I am God. Be still and know that I am God.

D/F# G C F C F C G⁷ C

The image shows the second system of musical notation. It includes a treble clef staff with a melody line and a bass clef staff with a bass line. Above the treble staff, a series of chords are indicated: D/F#, G, C, F, C, F, C, G⁷, and C. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Sharing of the Peace

God of eternal peace, who offers the gift of peace and whose children are the peacemakers; pour your peace into our hearts, that conflict and anger may cease. Peace is the gift of the Risen Christ.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Let us offer each other a sign of that peace

Gathering Hymn

- 1 **And didst thou travel light, dear Lord,
was thine so smooth a road
that thou upon thy shoulders broad
could hoist our heavy load?
too frail each other's woes to bear
without thy help are we;
can we each other's burdens share
if we not burden thee?**

- 2 **O wonder of the world withstood!
that night of prayer and doom
was not the sunset red with blood,
the dawn pale as a tomb?
in agony and bloody sweat,
in tears of love undried,
O undespairing Lord, and yet
with man identified.**

- 3 **As in dark drops the pitting rain
falls on a dusty street,
so tears shall fall and fall again
to wash thy wounded feet.
But thy quick hands to heal are strong,
O love, thy patients we,
who sing with joy the pilgrims' song
and walk, dear Lord, with thee.**

Geoffrey Dearmer (1893–1996)

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All **And also with you**

Together we pray:

All **Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free, and fill each one of us with your love from on high. Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast at your table with all your saints.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray in our first language the prayer our Saviour taught us:

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Look, Jesus Christ, the Bread of Heaven, is broken for the life of the world. The gifts of God for the people of God.

All **Jesus Bread of Life, Bread which is broken, Bread for the world.**

Communion Anthem O God of mercy Simon Lole

Prayer after Communion

All **Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Word for us to speak, You are the Truth for us to tell; You are the Light for us to light in the darkness, You are the Bread of Life for us to share.**

Notices

Thanksgiving Hymn

**1 Father, hear the prayer we offer:
not for ease that prayer shall be,
but for strength that we may ever
live our lives courageously.**

continued...

- 2 Not for ever in green pastures
do we ask our way to be;
but the steep and rugged pathway
may we tread rejoicingly.**
- 3 Not for ever by still waters
would we idly rest and stay;
but would smite the living fountains
from the rocks along our way.**
- 4 Be our strength in hours of weakness,
in our wanderings be our guide;
through endeavour, failure, danger,
Father, be thou at our side.**

Love Maria Willis (nee Whitcomb) (1824-1908), Samuel Longfellow (1819-1892)

Blessing

Go simply, lightly, gently

Go with obedience

Go with love

And the blessing of Almighty God,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and forever.

All **Amen**

Blessing Anthem *A Prayer of St Patrick* *John Rutter*

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