Bread for the World

An Informal Eucharist

Wednesday 25 May 2022

Introit Come Down, O Love Divine – William Harris

Welcome and Opening Prayers Revd Richard Carter

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 **The head that once was crowned with thorns**
is crowned with glory now;
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty victor's brow.

continued...

2 The highest place that heaven affords
is his, is his by right:
the King of kings, and Lord of lords,
and heaven's eternal light.

3 The joy of all who dwell above,
the joy of all below,
to whom he manifests his love
and grants his name to know:

4 To them the cross, with all its shame,
with all its grace, is given;
their name an everlasting name,
their joy the joy of heaven.

5 They suffer with their Lord below;
they reign with him above;
their profit and their joy to know
the mystery of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him;
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.

Thomas Kelly (1769-1855)

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 Acts 1: 6-14

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reflection David Jones Waiting

Anthem Jesus shall reign – arr. Victor Johnson

Prayers
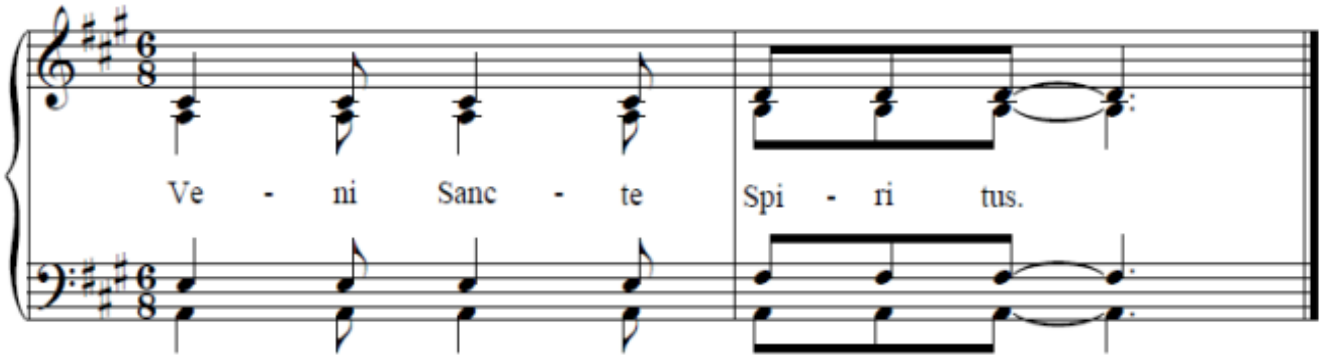
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayer of Concern

Prayer of Hope

Each prayer ends with 'We pray to you'

Prayer Chant Veni Sancte Spiritus *Taizé*



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 **Alleluia, sing to Jesus!**
his the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone:
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

continued...

2 **Alleluia, not as orphans**
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

3 **Alleluia, bread of angels,**
thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia, here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

4 **Alleluia, King eternal,**
thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia, born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the eucharistic feast.

William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

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 Ascendens Christus - Handl

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 **Rejoice, the Lord is King.**
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

continued...

2 **Jesus the Saviour, reigns,**
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:
Chorus.

3 **His kingdom cannot fail;**
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given:
Chorus.

4 **He sits at God's right hand**
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:
Chorus.

5 **Rejoice in glorious hope;**
Jesus the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home:
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice
the trump of God shall sound: Rejoice!

Charles Wesley (1707-1788) and John Taylor (1750-1826)

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 Clap your hands, all you nations John Bell

If you have enjoyed this service and and would like to help us continue with this work, we would be grateful to receive donations towards the worshiping life of the church. You can give:

- by texting COLLECTION to 70450 to donate £10
  (texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message),
- by tapping the contactless donation point in the porch on your way out,
- online at stmartininthefields.myiknowchurch.co.uk/giving.

Thank you.

Singers: Choral Scholars of St Martin in-the-Fields
Pianist: Polina Sosnina
Some material in this service is copyright.

Hymns reproduced using CCL 284612 and Calamus 1744; Streaming Licence 59787. One License A-631744