

Holy Communion

National Reconciliation Week 2015

Gathering in the Name of God

We gather in the name of God: the One who was before all that is, the One who spoke creation into being, and the One who nourishes its potential. **Amen.**

A Welcome is offered including an Acknowledgement of country, for example:

"We hereby acknowledge that we are located on the land of the (insert name of local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander group; or use the term 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander') peoples whom God chose to be the ancient custodians of this place and through the (insert name of local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander group; or use the term 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander') peoples God sustained the life, spirit and promise of this land which we celebrate today."

or

"We wish to honour Almighty God as sovereign over all the earth. To state that all people are important to God and have historically been given custodianship of certain land. Accordingly we wish to pay due respect to the original custodians of this land on which we meet (the (insert the name of local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander group if you know it) people). We acknowledge the vital contributions that Indigenous peoples of Australia have made and still make to the nation that we share."

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Come and worship the holy and glorious Trinity, as we pray together:

**God of the feast,
your Wisdom calls us,
your Word teaches us
and you feed us with your life.
Give us grace to welcome one another
as you have welcomed us in Christ Jesus, in whose name we
pray. Amen.**

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Confession

God, you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.
Tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgement.

Silence may be kept

Draw us tenderly into your embrace as we confess our sins:

O God, you have searched us out and known us,
and all that we are is open to you. We confess that we have sinned:
we have used our power to dominate and our weakness to
manipulate; we have evaded responsibility and failed to confront
evil; we have denied dignity to ourselves and to each other, and
fallen into despair.

**We turn to you, O God:
we renounce evil;
we claim your love;
we choose to be made whole.**

*Wash one another's hands as a symbol of mutuality and
forgiveness. While washing one another's hands we say for each
other: "Your sins are forgiven, be at peace".*

Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness: through your
gentleness we find comfort in fear. Your warmth gives life to the
dead: your touch makes sinners righteous.
Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us:
in your love and tenderness, remake us. Amen.

A song of praise may be sung.

Prayer for Reconciliation:

Lord God, bring us together as one,
reconciled with you and reconciled with each other.
You have made us in your likeness,
you gave us your son, Jesus Christ.
He has given us forgiveness from sin.
Lord God, bring us together as one,
different in culture, but given new life in Jesus Christ,
together as your body, your Church, your people.
Lord God, bring us together as one,
reconciled, healed, forgiven,
sharing you with others as you have called us to do.
In Jesus Christ, let us be together as one. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

Suggested First Reading: Genesis 1. 26-31

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Suggested Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12. 12-27

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

A hymn may be sung to welcome the gospel.

Suggested Gospel Reading: John 17. 20-23

Before the Gospel reading:

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

A sermon or reflection may be offered.

The Prayers of the People

Intercessions are offered.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray,

**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.

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

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now
and forever. Amen.**

The Greeting of Peace

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We share a sign of peace.

An hymn may be sung.

Blessed are you Lord God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of
your kingdom.

Blessed be God forever.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of holy dreaming, Great Creator Spirit, from the dawn of
creation you have given your children the good things of Mother
Earth.

You spoke and the gum tree grew. In the vast desert and dense
forest, and in cities at the water's edge, creation sings your praise.
Your presence endures as the rock at the heart of our Land.

When Jesus hung on the tree you heard the cries of all your people
and became one with the wounded ones: the convicts, the hunted,
and the dispossessed.

The sunrise of your Son coloured the earth anew, and bathed it in
glorious hope. In Jesus we have been reconciled to you, to each
other and to your whole creation.

Lead us on, Great Spirit, as we gather from the four corners of the
earth; enable us to walk together in trust
from the hurt and shame of the past into the full day which has
dawned in Jesus Christ.

With all your people of every time and place we shout out songs of
praise:

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.]

On the night before he died,
Jesus gathered with his friends
to share a meal and wash their feet, teaching one more lesson of
love.

He took bread
and blessed you
and broke it.

He gave it to them and said: "Take this and eat it.

This is my body.”

He took a cup of wine
and blessed you
and gave it to them.

He said: “Take this and drink it. This is my blood,
sealing God’s promise to forgive your sins. Whenever you do this,
do it in memory of me.”

As we share these holy gifts, we remember the Lord Jesus.

For the love you taught us,

the sacrifice you made for us and the hope you give us, we acclaim
you, O Christ:

Dying you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory.

And now, faithful God,

send us your Spirit

to feed us with the body and the blood
of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Make us one body in Christ.

Send us as your messengers in the world and fill us with energy,
courage and love.

Now to you, most holy God,

through Christ your Son and in the Spirit’s power, we bring our
worship and our songs of praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for
ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of Bread and The Communion

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body.

For we all share in the one bread.

Communion is received.

The Sending Out of God’s People

Dear loving lord, creator of all,

You created us all in your own image’

One image -- many colours

One image -- many cultures.

You made us come together like a rainbow,

separate parts but coming together in one creation.

Help us to see the beauty you have created

in each and every one of us.

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Dear loving Lord, we are your creation,
Hear the cries of your people.
You gave us ears to hear and eyes to see,
Open our eyes to what you want us to see,
Help us to always look to you to see the wisdom
of your ways.

**Dear loving Lord, creator of all
You gave us hearts to love and minds to reason
Help us to understand our differences
and grow in love for each other.
Help us to come together as the rainbow comes together,
many colours, shining as one creation over all the earth'
As you intended us to be.**

In the name of your dear son, Jesus Christ.

Amen

A hymn may be sung.

The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; give honour to all; love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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Hymn Suggestions

Hymn suggestions from Together in Song:

- 135 All Things Bright and Beautiful
- 136 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
- 153 God is Love
- 153 Morning has Broken
- 163 God, who Stretched the Spangled Heavens
- 179 Praise with Joy the World's Creator
- 182 Bring Many Names
- 672 Lord of Earth and All Creation
- 418 She Sits Like a Bird
- 473 Community of Christ
- 477 Jesus Calls us Here to Meet Him
- 693 Come as You Are
- 692 Sometimes a Healing Word is Comfort
- 690 Beauty for Brokenness
- 687 God Gives us a Future
- 683 God! When Human Bonds are Broken
- 677 Christ's is the World in Which we Move
- 674 Inspired by Love and Anger
- 671 Made in God's Likeness
- 670 Jesus Put this Song Into our Hearts
- 668 Touch the Earth Lightly
- 665 Jesus Christ is Waiting
- 658 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky
- 657 God of Freedom, God of Justice
- 650 Brother, Sister Let me Serve You
- 648 Help us Accept Each Other
- 647 Comfort, Comfort All My People
- 640 Kneels at the Feet of His Friends
- 629 When I Need a Neighbour
- 607 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
- 544 Since the World was Young
- 533 I Come with Joy to Meet my Lord
- 511 Let us Break Bread Together with the Lord
- 253 O Lord Jesus Marrkapmirr