

SUNDAY LITURGY





Welcome

You've joined us in a time of quiet for you and the Lord to enjoy together, in the company of others. You are in your own home and God is there with you. Any questions you hear during this time are intended for you to take into the quiet of your own heart.

We keep mikes on to maintain our connection with each other. However, at particular times you will be asked to mute. As in liturgy, our actions signal something of what God is doing with us. 'Let us mute' is God inviting us to listen carefully.

Your responses are in blue

Today, we remember Christ's offering of himself to us in life, death and resurrection and his invitation to communion. We remember his invitation to come together as his followers. We are Christ's body. Each one of us with a part to play in the whole.

Fed. Needed. Loved.

Each one of an expression of his love.



Let us mute OPENING MUSIC



St Patrick's Breastplate

– Jean Watson

OPENING PRAYER

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Let us unmute, let us speak.

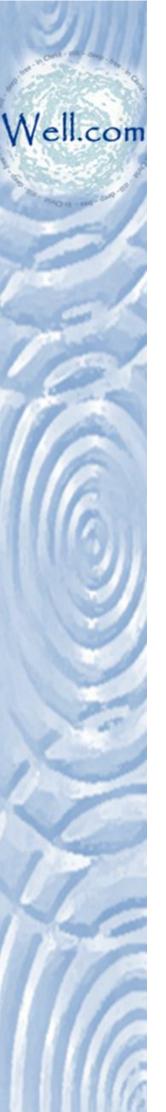
We join together in prayer
in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

Amen

The Lord is here: His spirit is with us

We become aware of the sky outside
Stretching over each one,
connecting us to each other and to God
and of the life growing up around us
A world of lavish and extravagant beauty
reflecting God's generosity, God's beauty
Pulsing with God's life.

(Pause)



Creator God,
present in all of your creation,
each thing full of your life, your energy,
Each part, a reminder us of your reckless generosity
We are grateful

Creator God, we thank you

We become aware of the Risen Jesus
Sitting in the room with each one of us
With you now. Smiling
Happily spending all his time with you
Because he enjoys your company
(Pause)

Son of God,
who wanted to be with us so much
that you came to live among us
You are with us now, in our homes,
Living in the middle of it all,
Living in us, enjoying our company.
We are grateful
Son of God, we thank you

We notice our breath, we let it remind us of God's spirit In us. In you. Alive with the breath of God. (Pause)

Spirit-Breath of God
Filling us with God's life and God's love,
Each one of us an experience
of the wild and irrepressible goodness of God
Spirit God, We thank you.



The Lord is here: His Spirit is with us

Let us mute



Let us unmute, let us speak

To the Lord who is each place, with each one of us we pray:

Creator God,

That we can glimpse you within creation is a beautiful thought but also tells us that you desire to be seen to be found and known

Open our eyes, Lord as we walk through this world feel the wind and sunshine see the majesty of creation unfolding before our eyes (Prayer – John Birch)

We make this prayer through Christ out Lord

AMEN



PRAYING WITH THE LAVISH GROWTH OF CREATION

Verses from Isaiah echo what Christ offers in communion with him. Only he satisfies our deepest longings.

R: We are Christ's body. We are filled by Christ. He fills everything in every way.

Hey there! All who are thirsty, come to the water! Are you penniless? Come anyway—buy and eat! Come, buy your drinks, buy wine and milk. Buy without money—everything's free!

Why do you spend your money on junk, why work for things that don't matter
Listen to me, listen well: fill yourself with only the finest.
Pay attention, come close now,
listen carefully to my life-giving, life-nourishing words. R

I'm making a lasting covenant commitment with you, the same that I made with David: sure, solid, enduring love. And now I'm doing it to you:

You'll summon nations you've never heard of, nations who've never heard of you will come running to you, because of me, your God, because The Holy of Israel has honoured you



Come as you Are by Deirdre Brown. Sung by Paul Gurr



PRAYING FOR HEALING

Life can massage our soft hearts out of shape, make them hard, and self-reliant. In pain, we forget God's unwavering generosity and irrepressible goodness and turn to lesser things, good but not good for us because they do not lead to God. We forget The Way God wants us to live in love with him. This evening, we pray for the kind of healing that comes about when we remember our way, remember that we live in Christ, wanted, loved. Safe.

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left,

I am wanted by God

Christ where I lie, Christ where I sit, Christ where I arise, Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of every one who speaks to me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.

I am loved by God

With the Lord I am safe and sound
In his presence I am restored
Always with me, he brings me to new life each day
I am needed by God

Lord, free us from things that do not lead to you, free us to love as you love.

When we are wearied by hurt and pain, dogged by fear and insecurity, when we forget who you are and who we are, help us to know that we are wrapped in your arms help us to hear your sweet voice telling us that that we are your beloved disciples.

We make this prayer in your holy name, O Lord AMEN



PRAYING WITH JESUS IN THE GOSPEL

We're with Jesus at the table when he breaks and blesses the bread. He's with us as we listen, offering himself to us in relationship, each day in new ways. Reminding us that we also are united with him. In Christ. His Body. Broken and blessed. Mark 14:12-26 NLT

The Lord is here. His Spirit is with us Let us mute

¹² On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go to prepare the Passover meal for you?"

¹³ So Jesus sent two of them into Jerusalem with these instructions: "As you go into the city, a man carrying a pitcher of water will meet you. Follow him. ¹⁴ At the house he enters, say to the owner, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room where I can eat the Passover meal with my disciples?' ¹⁵ He will take you upstairs to a large room that is already set up. That is where you should prepare our meal." ¹⁶ So the two disciples went into the city and found everything just as Jesus had said, and they prepared the Passover meal there ...

²² As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take it, for this is my body."



²³ And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. ²⁴ And he said to them, "This is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice for many. ²⁵ I tell you the truth, I will not drink wine again until the day I drink it new in the Kingdom of God." ²⁶ Then they sang a hymn and went out to the Mount of Olives.

Broken:

The parts of me/life that feel 'broken', wounded, scattered, broken off to grow on their own.

the pieces of me – my time, kindness, patience, joy, anger, sadness - I am sharing with others

Blessed ... The sense of blessing understood in the OT, one of God kneeling among us. We are blessed by God being with us at all times. Jesus is with me in this. He is at my table, in my house, aware of my broken parts. At all times.

Broken and blessed as a group, each different, diverse, yet we come together, united by our love of Christ.



Our Father
who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name
They kingdom come
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Give u this day our daily bread
Forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation
For yours is the kingdom the power and the glory
For ever and ever
Amen

CLOSING PRAYER

Gentle Mother- Father God
Deep within
Holding us
In these Covid times
Alone. Together.
In laughter and in loss
In tears and tension
Draw us into your stillness
Open us to your quiet presence
Wrap us in the safety of your love.





May the peace of the Father, be with you this night

May we rest
In the stillness of God
May we find acceptance
in the deep love of his Son
and in our coming and our going
may we experience
the freedom of the Spirit
day by day
calling us
to new life
together
in Christ

We leave this time of prayer together asking that we live and love:

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit AMEN



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