

Welcome & Notices

(Use this time to welcome people and let them know what is happening in your church)

Gathering and Welcoming Prayer

The heavens tell of the glory of God -

the Southern Cross flags our identity as a multicultural people
proclaiming the wonder of God's handiwork.

The skies communicate beauty day after day
and knowledge pales in comparison

with the brilliance of the star-studded night sky.

The magnificence of God's creation needs no words,
for it speaks for itself....

Let the words of our mouths

and the meditation of our hearts

be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock, and our redeemer.

Music/Song *(You can copy, paste & download these songs with Lyrics)*

The Servant King

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/521700666/ff67b03a32>

Prayer for Forgiveness & Thanksgiving

Lord Jesus Christ, you exercised 'uncommon sense' when you turned conventional wisdom on its head with your call for your followers to eat your flesh and drink your blood; and to embark on a narrow path leading towards life centred in you and your love.

Forgive us when, at times, like some, we walk away from the hard teaching and falter in our understanding of what following you really means.

Pause for reflection on these words

All of us do make mistakes (James 3:2) but we are fortunate that God sent Jesus into the world to save sinners - people like us. And so I declare to you, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

(Turn to those around you and greet them with the words above)

Offerings

Gracious God,

We thank you for your presence with us in times of joy and of sorrow,
sickness and health, faithfulness and brokenness.

We bring these offerings as signs of our gratitude and as tools for the ministry of the church.

Use them and us to make known your good news of your healing love and renewing power, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayers for Others *(Take this time to pray for our world, our local community, and individuals)*

Music/Song

Speak, Your Church is Listening

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/583262388/299303e88a>

Readings for Today

Reflection

Becoming what we Receive

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/583691535/26774ce8c1>

Music/Song

Here is Love

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/521705996/5885e0729b>

Questions from the Reflection to Ponder or Discuss

- What does it mean to you to "imagine Holy Communion as a marking of Jesus' life and not a memory of Jesus' death?"
- What difference might that make for us as a church?
- "If we are what we eat, who will we be if, in a spiritual and metaphorical sense, we 'consume' Christ?"

Silence

Sit still and silent. Sink into your heart and think about how by consuming 'The Bread of Life' we are changed.

Closing Prayer & Blessing

May God make you channels of blessing...

channels through whom God's love, peace and joy and flow.

May you be God's hands to bless others and God's feet to go where you are needed.

May your speech be seasoned with salt to speak words of comfort, encouragement and love.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

Music/Song (Optional - You may wish to include another piece of music or song here)

May the feet of God

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/558984652/65ab93999c>



Becoming What we Receive
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