

Zoom Church 10th May 2020

Order of Service

An Agapé is a way of breaking bread together as Jesus did with people in all sorts of settings. You may like to join in at home with some bread and wine or juice.

If you are joining us with children, you might like to have some paper and pens ready for a prayer time activity.

*A practical note: during longer prayers, hymns, the talk and the intercessions, we will put everyone on 'mute' except the person leading so that we do not hear any background noise. **You do not need to do anything, this will be done by our Zoom Verger!***

We begin with a Prayer of Gathering

Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
And also with you

Be with us, Spirit of God;
nothing can separate us from your Love.

Breathe on us, breath of God;
fill us with your saving power.

Speak in us, wisdom of God;
bring strength, healing and peace.

Silence is kept

The Lord is here
His Spirit is with us.

Hymn

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising.

give me joy in my heart, I pray;
give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
keep me praising till the break of day:

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King!*

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving.

give me love in my heart, I pray;
give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
keep me serving till the break of day: *Refrain...*

(Anon)

The Confession

In a dark and disfigured world
we have not held out the light of life:
Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy

In a hungry and despairing world
we have failed to share our bread:
Christ have mercy
Christ have mercy

In a cold and loveless world
we have kept the love of God to ourselves:
Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy

**May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive us our sins
and make us holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Collect

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son
Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to
us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going
before us you put into our minds
good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

A Reading from Micah 6: 6-8

“With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

We watch a short film from Christian Aid

A Reading from John 14: 1-6

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

Si-ya-hamb'e-ku-kha-nyen'kwen-khos,
Si-ya-hamb'e-ku-kha-nyen'kwen-khos,
Si-ya-hamb'e-ku-kha-nyen'kwen-khos,
Si-ya-hamb'e-ku-kha-nyen'kwen-khos,
Si-ya-hamba.....Ooh,
Si-ya-hamb'e-ku-kha-nyen'kwen-khos,
Si-ya-hamba.....Ooh,
Si-ya-hamb'e-ku-kha-nyen'kwen-khos.

We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching.....Ooh,
we are marching in the light of God
We are marching.....Ooh,
we are marching in the light of God

We are living in the love of God...

We are moving in the power of God...

Si-ya-hamb'e-ku-kha-nyen'kwen-khos,....

We listen to a talk by Mrs Kerry Rass

The Intercessions

The intercessions may end by saying together:

**Merciful Father,
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

We share in what the children have done

The Peace

Jesus said

‘Peace I leave you; my peace I give you.

I do not give as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid’.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

During this next hymn, you might like to make sure you have your bread and wine close by.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
Fellow trav'lers on the road;
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will weep when you are weeping;
When you laugh I'll laugh with you
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant, too.

Richard Gillard

We share together in an Agape meal.
beginning by giving thanks.

*If you want to hold up your bread and wine as we pray,
please do so.*

We have bread and wine,
gifts of this good earth,
enough for all, if we can share!
Gracious God we give you thanks
for all the many blessings in our lives
and ask that you would bless us now
as we share your good gifts
in Jesus' name.

Amen

Breaking Bread

Loving God, you provide enough for everyone:
this earth is fertile, fruitful and abundant,
but we are sometimes greedy, wasteful and selfish.

Many go hungry despite our plenty,
many are left outside while we enjoy a feast.

But on the hillside, in the wilderness,
with five thousand and more hungry people,
Jesus took the bread that they had,
broke it and gave thanks to you.

He shared the bread,
so that no one should be left out,
and they all ate and were satisfied.

Blessed be God for ever!

Blessing Wine

Gracious God, you hurt with our pains,
you weep with our tears;
when you see how we struggle and suffer.

You long for our peace, yet we so often make war.
You long for our healing and wholeness,
yet we so often turn away from you.

But at a wedding in Cana when the wine ran out,
Jesus asked them to fill the empty jars with water,
and by your grace, water became wine,
sadness was turned to joy,
and all were able to share in the best wine of all.
Blessed be God for ever!

Sharing Together

Healing God,
you long for us to dream your dream,
of a world at peace, a people made one,
a feast for all;
where bread is broken and shared with companions on the road,
where wine is blessed
and shared with all who are hurting,
and all are caught up together
in the Kingdom of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The bread is shared, using the words:
Bread for the world to share.

The wine is shared using the words:
The best wine, saved till now.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God we thank you,
for your abundant love in creation,
your compassionate, healing touch in our hurting,
your inspiration for our venturing.
Thank you for bread, and wine to share.
Give us grace to follow
in the footsteps of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

To God be the glory, great things he has done!

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice;
Praise the Lord! praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory! Great things he has done!*

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

Refrain.

Fanny Crosby (Frances Jane van Alstyne)

We end with The UK Blessing

In peace we love and serve the Lord in our daily lives
In the name of Christ.
Amen.

Today marks the beginning of Christian Aid week.
If you would like to donate to the work of Christian Aid you can
find an online form here: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/give-money/make-donation>

or an e-envelope here: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>

For details on how to pay money directly into their bank account please call **020 7523 2226**.

All these can be found on our website too.