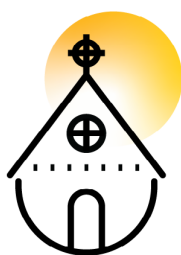


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**Majesty of Christ**



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*Beloved companions in the Spirit -  
Come as you are offering our lives  
in the beautiful struggle of faith...*

# We Gather

## Opening Loop (Announcements)

### Tolling of the Bells

**Welcome, Announcements and Land Acknowledgement  
with ɫəkʷəŋən from elder Butch Dick**

## Gathering Words

We gather together to remember who God is:

**The One who remains as rulers rise and fall.**

**The One whose love sets free.**

**The One who took on flesh to serve the world.**

Be still, and remember that God is our refuge.

**When the cross looms and evil stands tall we remember:**

God is courage in destruction's wake.

**God is solidarity in the midst of struggle.**

God is justice that brings cruelty to an end.

**Our strength does not mirror systems of dominance.**

Salvation is this: God within us, God among us.

**With thanks, we gather with God, our hope in times of  
trouble.**

Vulnerable One, you challenge all our notions of power. You do not seek the thrones of our time. You turn, instead, towards taking on flesh in people and places despised. Free us, O God, from all that deceives us into seeking our deliverance among the mighty and forceful. Through Christ, our way, **Amen.**

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*During this next song, AbbeyKids come forward to set the table.*

## Opening Song: Jesus Let Your Kingdom Come

*Chorus* Hallelu, Hallelujah! Jesus, let your kingdom come! X2

May the works of my hands bring you joy. X2 *Chorus*

May the words from my mouth speak your peace! X2 *Chorus*

You make all things new X2

In places we don't choose

You make all things new. *Chorus*

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## **Poem: Christ the King by Malcolm Guite**

*Selected by poet-in-residence, Rebecca Yeo*

Our King is calling from the hungry furrows  
Whilst we are cruising through the aisles of plenty,  
Our hoardings screen us from the man of sorrows,  
Our soundtracks drown his murmur: 'I am thirsty'.  
He stands in line to sign in as a stranger  
And seek a welcome from the world he made,  
We see him only as a threat, a danger,  
He asks for clothes, we strip-search him instead.  
And if he should fall sick then we take care  
That he does not infect our private health,  
We lock him in the prisons of our fear  
Lest he unlock the prison of our wealth.  
But still on Sunday we shall stand and sing  
The praises of our hidden Lord and King.

## **We Proclaim**

### **Psalm: O This Night Is Dark**

O this night is dark indeed  
While we're waiting for the light.  
For the nations to be judged  
And the powers to be put to shame.  
O Lord, spare your poor, save our souls  
From our violence, oppression, fear and anxiety.

Although I am weeping  
Lord help me keep sowing  
Seeds for the day when your peace  
Will arise with the dawn

When the bombs we are dropping  
And the guns that keep firing  
Melt in the face of the just,  
When Your kingdom comes.

Now I sow in tears,  
That one day I might reap with joy  
When the mountains drip with wine  
And we beat, beat, beat our swords  
Into plowshares.

Tom Wuest / Brass Trumpet Publishing 2008

**A reading from first Samuel (8:1-20)** *The Common English Bible*

Now when Samuel was old, he appointed his sons to serve as Israel's judges. But Samuel's sons didn't follow in his footsteps. They tried to turn a profit, they accepted bribes, and they perverted justice. So all the Israelite elders got together and went to Samuel at Ramah. They said to him, "Listen. You are old now, and your sons don't follow in your footsteps. Appoint us a king to judge us like all the other nations have." It seemed very bad to Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us," so he prayed to the Lord. The Lord answered Samuel, "Comply with the people's request—everything they ask of you—because they haven't rejected you. No, they've rejected me as king over them. They are doing to you only what they've been doing to me from the day I brought them out of Egypt to this very minute, abandoning me and worshiping other gods. Comply with their request, but give them a clear warning, telling them how the king will rule over them." Then Samuel explained everything the Lord had said to the people who were asking for a king. "This is how the king will rule over you," Samuel said: "He will take your sons and will use them for his chariots and his cavalry and as runners for his chariot. He will use them as his commanders of troops of one thousand and troops of fifty, or to do his plowing and his harvesting, or to make his weapons or parts for his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers, cooks, or bakers. He will take your best fields, vineyards, and olive groves and give them to his servants. He will give one-tenth of your grain and your vineyards to his officials and servants. He will take your male and female servants, along with the best of your cattle and donkeys, and make them do his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and then you yourselves will become his slaves! When that day comes, you will cry out because of the king you chose for yourselves, but on that day the Lord won't answer you." But the people refused to listen to Samuel and said, "No! There must be a king over us so we can be like all the other nations. Our king will judge us and lead us and fight our battles."

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

*You are invited to rise in body or in spirit as we prepare our hearts to hear the Gospel.*

## **Gospel Acclamation (x2)**

Hallelujah, Hallelujah! Singing glory, glory!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah! Singing glory to the Maker - Hallelujah!

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Let us proclaim the gospel from the rooftops!

**With our words and with our lives!**

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew (27:11-13, 27-37) *Wil Gafney translation.*

Now Jesus stood before the governor and the governor questioned him saying, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." And when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" And he did not answer him, not one word, so that the governor was greatly astonished... Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's command post, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him. And having woven a crown from thorns, they put it on his head along with a reed in his right hand and they knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on his head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his clothes back on him. Then they led him away to be crucified. Now going out, they found a Cyrenian man named Simon; this man they conscripted to carry his cross. And coming to a place called Golgotha (which means Skull Place), they offered him wine mixed with vinegar to drink; but when he tasted it, he would not drink. And when they had crucified him, "they divided his clothes" among themselves by "casting lots!" Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. Now they placed over his head his charge, written as, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

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## **Sermon**

Matt Humphrey, EC

*Bell / Silence / Bell*

*You are invited to rise in body or in spirit  
as we affirm the story of our faith.*

## **The Creed (Sung)**

I believe in God the Maker almighty  
Creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended to the dead on the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heav'n and is seated  
at the right hand of the Maker.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, +the  
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Ryan Flanigan, alt., © 2017, Common Hymnal, cCLI*

## **Our Prayers**

Chivonne Graff

## **The Confession and Assurance**

Let us turn to the God of infinite love and mercy with our confession...

Before God, and with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness: to the ways I wound my life, the lives of others, and the life of the world.

**May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love. Amen.**

[together we say] **Before God, and with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness: to the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others, and the life of the world.**

*[silence for confession]*

+May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

Beloved in Christ. The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

*We exchange the peace with a gesture.*

*During this next 'offertory' song, the table is set.*

*You are welcomed (now, or later) to place any financial contributions to our common life in the vintage record player in the back of the worship space. Cheques can be made out to 'The Emmaus Community'. Charitable receipts will be issued if you leave us your address.*

## **Offertory Song: He Is Among Us**

You'll find Me with the broken and the weak  
In the spaces in between  
You'll hear My voice cry out with those who weep  
Only if you're listening

*Chorus:* Whatever you do for the least of these  
You do it unto Me

You'll find Me with the ones without a voice  
The forgotten and ignored  
My blessing is on those who love the poor  
'Til you open up the door *Chorus*

Hallelujah, hallelujah  
He is among us, He is among us *x4*

By this the world will know our Maker's love  
We will know our Maker's love

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## **We Celebrate**

### **Prayer Over The Gifts**

Not by might nor by riches will the Kindom of God be built. It takes community. And persistence. And laughter. And the labour of those who hunger for justice.\* Receive all we offer you this day, O God, take these gifts and our lives and fold them like yeast into the bread of your kingdom. In the name of Jesus we pray. **Amen** *©enfleshed*

### **The Communion/Eucharist**

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!**

Blessing, honour, and glory are yours, O God, eternal source of all creation. You are mightier than the thunder of the waters, mightier than the waves of the sea. You are majesty on high. Yet when the time was right you became a vulnerable infant to testify to the truth of power made known in your embracing love.

Jesus came to raise up the poor and cast down the mighty. He taught us that your kingdom is one of forgiveness and peace, where needs are daily met and we are set free for love.



Therefore with the whole realm of nature around us; with earth sea and sky, we we join in the song of unending praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth of your glory are full  
Hosanna Hosanna Hosanna in the highest.  
+ Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
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*"Holy Lord," Words and Music by Steve Bell. 1998 Signpost Music. / CCLI*

On the night before his arrest Jesus gathered his companions for a meal. He took bread, gave you thanks, broke it, gave it to them, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

*Bell*

After supper he took the cup; when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said: This cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

*Bell*

Remembering his life, death, and resurrection, we offer you our praise and thanks. Hear us, O God and breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine. May they become for us your body and blood, vibrant with your life, healing, renewing and making your whole world whole.

As the bread and wine which we now eat and drink are changed into us, may we be changed again into you, bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh. Shape us and hold us in your sacred vulnerability and teach us your reign of peace. All this we ask through Jesus Christ the servant king who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns in glory, now and forever. **Amen**

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## The Prayer of Jesus

As beloved children of a loving parent let us pray:

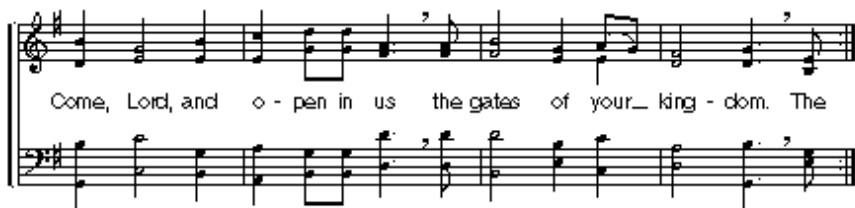
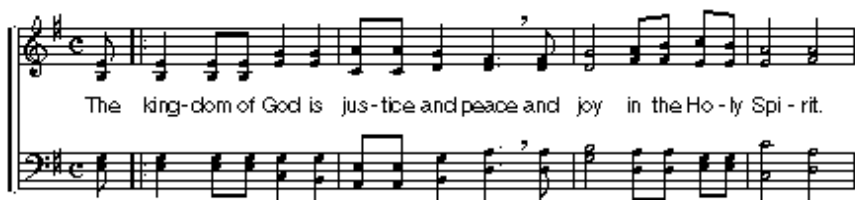
**Our Father (Mother/Source) in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

*Silence is kept.*

These are the gifts of God, for the people of God, given for the life of the world. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*All are welcome to receive at Jesus' table! The bread is gluten-free. It may contain dairy and/or almond flour. If you'd like a dairy or nut free option, please let the presider know. Juice is in the small cups. Wine is in the common cup, please do not dip the bread into the cup.*

## Communion Song: The Kingdom of God



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## Communion Song: You Shall Reign

Come broken, come captive - Come all you who mourn  
Oh groaning creation, rejoice  
A child, a Savior, our healing you bring.  
What freedom! What consolation!

You shall reign (You shall reign), You shall reign  
You shall reign (You shall reign), You shall reign (X2)

You'll order Your kingdom with justice and peace  
Oh merciful one, oh Lamb of God  
All nations, all people All heaven and earth  
Will bow down and to You proclaim

El reignara, (El reignara) El Reignara  
El reignara, (El reignara) El Reignara  
You Shall Reign....

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## **We Are Sent**

### **Prayer after Communion**

God, we recognize the ways you still make yourself vulnerable to us today. In gratitude for a taste of your Kindom, may our discipleship shape us into fierce protectors of the vulnerable, give us courage to practice our own vulnerability, and help us to honour the sacredness of our need for one another. In Christ's name we pray. **AMEN**

### **Blessing**

**The Lord bless you and keep you**

**The Lord make Their face shine upon you**

**And be gracious unto you**

**The Lord lift up Their countenance upon you**

**And give you peace**

+And the blessing...

### **Closing Song: Rejoice! The Lord Is King**

Rejoice! The Lord is King a most unlikely kind,  
who softens hardened hearts and opens up closed minds.

*Chorus:* Lift up your hearts, lift up your voice,  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Behold the servant king, who kneels to lift the weak.  
Forsaking priv-i-lege, Jesus - the one we seek! *Chorus*

Christ came to set us free from selfishness and pride,  
break down the walls of hate with love that reaches wide.

*Chorus*

Come, people of the Earth, with courage and with grace  
and follow such a king in each and every place. *Chorus*

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## **Sending**

Go in peace to love and see the sovereign and servant  
Christ in all things.

**Amen, thanks be to God!**

## **Postlude: King of Kings**

King of Kings and Lord of Lords,

Glory, hallelujah!

King of Kings and Lord of Lords,

Glory, hallelujah!

Jesus, Prince of Peace.

Glory hallelujah!

Jesus, Prince of Peace

Glory hallelujah!

Sophie Conty and Naomi Batya c 1980, 1983 Maranatha! Music / CCLI

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