



Welcome

Malo-e-lelei! Welcome!

Today we will be sharing in Holy Communion: You will need some bread and juice - traditionally we use grape juice, but another kind of juice or water will be fine.

Gathering with God

As we prepare in the sight of God to worship around the Lord's table know that we are only a screen width apart.

The God of all creation is not beholden to the bounds of time or place.

God transcends our physical distances and parts the veil between us, so that we may be together in this special space.

So, as I light the candle here you may like to light a candle at your place.

Jesus Christ said "I am this dark world's light"

In Christ and through Christ we become one body, one church.

Prayer

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest today.

With friend, with stranger, with young and old,
be among us today.

Come close to us that we may come close to you.

Lord Jesus as we gather with your holy presence
we are sorry when we have failed to love God our Maker with our whole being
and to love each other as you have loved us.

As we hope to be forgiven, teach us how to forgive.

Renew us with your Holy Spirit so that, wherever we have failed,
we may begin again.

Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen*

And we are forgiven ...

It does not matter what time of day,
Or what day of the week,
Or what month of the year
or whether we are physically together or scattered –
it matters that we come humbly before our God and confess our sins.
When we do this God offers these words of grace:
In Christ your sins are forgiven.
Your load is lifted – walk in the glorious freedom of new life.**

Preparing for worship

Find a comfortable space, e.g. around a table or living room, grab your Bible and offering and prepare for worship. You can either work through the service on this sheet or follow along with our online video at

<http://www.blacktown.unitingchurch>

Song – What a Beautiful Name

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful name it is
What a beautiful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful name it is
The name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus, You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater
What could separate us now

What a wonderful name it is
What a wonderful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful name it is
The name of Jesus

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before
You

You silenced the boast, of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your
glory
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever, Our God reigns
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name, above all names

What a powerful name it is
What a powerful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful name it is
The name of Jesus

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Songwriters: Brooke Ligertwood / Ben Fielding
What A Beautiful Name lyrics © Capitol Christian
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Hearing God's Word

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

¹⁶ “To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others:

¹⁷ “‘We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance;
we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’

¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’ But wisdom is proved right by her deeds.”

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned and revealed them to little children. ²⁶ Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

²⁷ “All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Reflection – Let it go... and Rest!

Kaye Crook



Song – I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;

Lay down, O weary one, lay down, your head upon my breast."

I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad;

I found him in a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give

The living water, thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live."

I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;

My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;

Look unto me; your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;

And in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.

Horatius Bonar 1808-89

Prayers of Intercession

Timeless God, your love is beyond our dreaming.
Your faithfulness beyond our understanding.
Hear the voices of your people throughout the world.
Those who are unable to gather during this COVID-19 pandemic
as families, friends, communities or even church.
May their love and faith shine through the darkness and uncertainty of this season.

Compassionate God, you feel the pain of the world.
Adults, young people, children and the elderly
experience anxiety and the weight of worry in situations beyond their control.
Strengthen those who suffer from overwork and heavy responsibility
and alert us, and those who govern
to the necessity of continued assistance
and support of those who have lost work and livelihood at this time.

Ever- Faithful God, we are always in your presence,
when we are in community, when we are alone,
when we are sick, when we are sad,
when we are hurt, when we feel rejected,
when we are being born and when we are dying.
Grant peace and healing and protection to all your people
along the journeys of their lives.

God, you are our father and mother, the parent of all creation.
Hear the cries of your children as we offer these prayers
in and through the precious name of your Son, Jesus Christ. *



You may like to pray the Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come
your will be done,
on earth as it is 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.

Offering

You are invited to hold your offerings in your cupped hands as we dedicate it and ourselves, giving thanks for all God's blessings.

Please take your weekly offering
or if you are giving by direct debit
Imagine you are holding it in your cupped hands
as we dedicate it and ourselves,
giving thanks for all God's blessings and mercy.

Bless our offerings Holy God,
Bless the gifts that we share, gifts of time, talents and treasure:
May our gifts reach out into the world
bringing your peace and love to one another. Amen.

Offerings can be transferred electronically to
Blacktown Uniting Church
BSB: 6343
Account No.: 100023472
or deposited directly to this account at any Westpac branch.

Song – How Great Thou Art

(English and Tamil)

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder
En, nan ekath tho thudun Kaihal
Consider all the works Thy Hands has made;
Mun nat padaithvar vettrai yorunkaal
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Minveli aaravaram thondra lum
Thy power throughout the universe displayed
Undran iramanda shakthi kaan gee rain

(English and Tongan)

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
E hiva hoku laumalie ni
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Ho ngeia 'Eiki, Ho ngeia 'Eiki
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee
E Hiva hoku laumalie ni
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!
Ho ngeia 'Eiki, Ho ngeia 'Eiki

(English and Tongan)

When through the woods, and forest glades I
wander,
I he vaota, mo molumalu ai pe

And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.

Si'i hiva ai, a e manupuna e
When I look down, from lofty mountain
grandeur
'Ou siofa 'a e ngaahi mouna na
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle
breeze.
Lea 'ae vai, moe angi hono 'ea

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
E hiva hoku laumalie ni
How great Thou art, How great Thou art
Ho ngeia 'Eiki, Ho ngeia 'Eiki
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
E Hiva hoku laumalie ni
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!
Ho ngeia 'Eiki, Ho ngeia 'Eiki
(English & Fijian)
But when I think, that God, His Son not
sparing;

Loloma soli wale nei Tamada

Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
Solia mai luvena duabau

That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,

Mai na veigauna ga e Kalivari

He bled and died to take away my sin.

Bokoci kina noqu caka ca

(English and Tongan)

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,

E hiva hoku laumalie ni

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Ho ngeia 'Eiki, Ho ngeia 'Eiki

Words: Stuart Wesley Keene Hine

(English and Samoan)

When Christ shall come, with shout of
acclamation,

E toe afio mai ma avatu a'u

And take me home, what joy shall fill my
heart.

I lona aiga I ai ke fiafia

Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,

O'u ifo ai ma ou ta'utino atu

And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou
art!"

O lo'u atua e silisili ia

Holy Communion

The Invitation

Jesus said: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest. "

So come, you who have much faith
and you who have little,
you are tired and worn out
and you who are carrying heavy loads,
you who have been here often
and you who have not been for a long
time,

you who have tried to follow
and you who have failed.

Come, because you love the Lord a little
and would like to love him more.

Come, not because it is I who invite you; 'It is our Lord.

It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.



The Setting of the Table

Together, we share a table of enormous width
as it extends to every household.
The table is laid bare, waiting for the gifts of God
And so, I invite you now in your home as we set our table here,
to collect what elements you have to serve
as your bread and cup and place them on the table.

(We set the table)

Thanksgiving

It is good to be joyful as we give thanks to You, Holy God.
You created us in your image and gave us life with your breath.
Your love does not falter, even as we neglect that love.
You liberated us from our bondage, and continue to ease our burden
and give us rest...
With joy, and with all of Creation, we proclaim:
Holy, Holy, Holy God of power and might
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest

You are Holy God and blessed is your son Jesus.
Your Spirit descended upon Jesus
so that he could proclaim good news to the poor,
release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind
and freedom to the oppressed.
Jesus' life gave birth to the church through a new covenant,
and the Holy Spirit whose power dwells within us today.

On the night in which he gave himself over,
Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, God,
and said to his disciples:
"Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

After dinner, he took the cup, gave thanks, and said:
"This is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many.
Drink from it in remembrance of me."

Pour out your Spirit on all of us
gathered together in this Holy space,
and on the gift of this bread and drink
Make them be for us the body and blood of Jesus Christ,
that we may be the body of Christ for the world.

Your Spirit makes us one with Christ and one with each other.
It binds, blends, and multiplies us, as we minister to the world,
as one beloved community of faith
singing your praises on Earth and in Heaven
until Christ comes again,
and we feast at your table in perfect harmony.
All honour and glory are yours God, now and forever. Amen.

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

This bread is made from many grains
from many fields in the creation,
yet was formed into a single loaf.
Because there is one God we, though many,
and in many places, are one body.
(the bread is broken)

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.
Ko e mā 'oku tau pakipakí, ko 'etau ma'u 'inasi ia 'i he sino 'o Kalaisí.
Let us we share the bread, in remembrance of him
as we take it and eat it.
(persons at home take a piece of bread and eat it)

This fruit of the vine is made by many hands,
from many places, yet pours freely.
(the juice is poured into the cups on the table)

The cup we take is a sharing in the blood of Christ.
Ko e ipu 'oku tau talí, ko 'etau ma'u 'inasi ia 'i he ta'ata'a 'o Kalaisí.
Let us, together, share this blessing of the cup of the new covenant
as we take it and drink from it.
(persons at home take a cup and drink from it)

FINAL PRAYER and BLESSING

Eternal God, thank you for this mystery of faith,
where you have given yourself to us.
May we continue to live our lives in wonder and worship
and be your people caring for each other
and the whole Creation
strengthened, sustained and inspired by your Spirit,
In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all ever more

Ko e Kelesi 'a e Eiki ko Sisu Kalaisi, mo e 'ofa 'a e 'Otua,
mo e feohi 'o e Laumalie Ma'oni'oni, ke 'iate kitautolu kotoa pe ia, 'o ta'engata 'Emeni.

Song – Shalom to You Now

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends
In all your living and through your loving
Christ be your shalom. Christ be your shalom

Elise Shoemaker Eslinger

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