



# Sharing the Feast of Life In the Kingdom Season

*Introductory music, followed by welcome*

*Opening hymn*

## **Gathering**

Among the poor, the proud,  
the persecuted and the privileged,  
**Christ our King is coming and making all things new.**

In houses and in public places,  
wedding feasts and judgement halls,  
**Christ our King is coming and making all things new.**

With gentle touch and angry word,  
with piercing sight and burning love,  
**Christ our King is coming and making all things new.**

That the kingdom might come  
and the world might believe;  
that power be humbled and the hidden be seen,  
**Christ our King is coming and making all things new.**

Within us and without us, behind us and before,  
in this place and in every place,  
now and evermore,  
**Christ our King is coming and making all things new.**

*We sing:*

Come, Holy Spirit, **Come, Holy Spirit ...**  
Come, Holy Spirit, **Come, Holy Spirit ...**  
Maranatha, **Maranatha ...**  
Come, Lord, come, **Come, Lord, come ...**

## **Prayer for the Day**

### **The Gloria**

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!**  
**Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the Highest!**  
**Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

*After the Gloria, the children leave for Kids' Church.*

### **The Readings**

*A reading from the Hebrew Scriptures and/or the  
Christian Epistles, after which is said:*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Gradual hymn (see sheet)*

*The Gospel*

*Before the Gospel reading the reader says:*

The Gospel reading can be found on page *nn* of the New  
Testament section of the church Bibles; it is from ...  
**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

*At the end of the Gospel reading the reader says:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Sermon or other reflection**

*5-minute silence for prayerful reflection on what we have  
heard, begun and ended by the sounding of a bell*

## **Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe you are creating,  
Animating all that lives.  
Universal grace pulsating,  
You, O God, the one who gives.  
You are meaning, mystery, glory,  
You are the fire, you the dove;  
You in Jesus live your story,  
Risk the nature of your love.**

**Jesus is divine engaging  
With the pain of human strife.  
Jesus is divine upstaging  
Of our death by risen life –  
Life your inexhaustible Spirit  
Wills to ignite in what we do:  
Willing us to each inherit  
Justice-laden peace with you.**

## **All Saints prayers (on All Saints Day) or Kingdom Season litany**

*(see separate sheet)*

### **Prayer of Reconciliation**

We acknowledge the pain and hurt of our world, and our part in that pain, and we seek to know God's forgiveness and healing:

We have wounded your love:  
**O God, forgive and heal us.**

We stumble in the darkness:  
**Light of the world, transfigure us.**

We forget that we are your home:  
**Spirit of God, dwell in us.**

*2-minute silence, begun & ended by the sounding of a bell*

### **Absolution**

The prophet Isaiah said:

'Can a woman forget the infant at her breast,  
Or a mother the child of her womb?  
As a mother comforts her child,  
So I will comfort you, says the Lord.'

We live in God's love, healing and forgiveness.

Let us forgive and love ourselves:

Let us forgive and love others.

In the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*We turn to our neighbour and say these or other appropriate words:*

Sister/brother, Christ sets us free from all that holds us back:  
journey on with hope.

### **The Peace**

*We sing:*

**As-salaam aleikhum! Aleikhum as-salaam!  
Shalom, shalom, alechem shalom!  
Christ's peace begin with me!**

*We continue singing as the children return and bring up the bread and wine for the celebrant.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*We share the Peace with one another, and then gather around the altar.*

### **The Preparation of the Gifts**

Generous God, creator, redeemer, sustainer,  
at your table we present this money,  
symbolic of all our giving,  
and of the work you have given us to do:  
use it, use us, in the service of your world  
to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

*The minister thanks God for the bread and wine and for ourselves. At the end of each prayer we say together:*

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## **Thanksgiving Prayer**

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Open up your hearts.

**We open them to God.**

Let us give thanks to the God of all.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The minister offers our thanks and praise, concluding ...*

*... we praise you, singing:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of heaven and earth adored,  
Ceasing never, God for ever,  
Holy, holy Lord.**

*The minister says the words of institution, finishing with:*

For as we eat this bread and drink this cup  
we are proclaiming the Lord's death until he comes.

*We sing:*

**Jesu, tawa pano;  
Jesu, tawa pano;  
Jesu, tawa pano;  
tawa pano mu zita renyu.**

*[Jesus, we are here, we are here for you.]*

Spirit of God, come afresh on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine  
**that they may make us one body in Christ.**

Open our eyes  
**that we may recognise you walking with us;**

Open our ears and our minds  
**that we may hear your word;**

Open our hearts  
**that your love may flow through us  
and bring the blessing of new life to all we meet;**

For you are the God who makes all things new,  
and surprises us into understanding.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**O God in heaven,  
Mother and Father of us all,  
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.**

**Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## **Fourfold Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread ... [x4]

The bread we break  
is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body,  
for we all share the one bread.**

## **Jesus, Lamb of God**

*We sing:*

**Jesus, Lamb of God:**

**have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins:**

**have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world:**

**give us your peace.**

## **Invitation**

*The minister invites all to receive Communion.*

## **The Communion**

*Each person receives, responding **Amen** to the words of the minister:*

The body of Christ, the bread of life: **Amen**

The blood of Christ, the cup of blessing: **Amen**

*After receiving, anyone who wishes may go to receive prayer for healing and then return to the circle (or to their seat).*

*We remain standing around the altar until everyone has received communion, and then return to our seats. We wait in silence (or singing a suitable chant) until the prayers for healing are finished.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

**Lord, our minds seek to know you,**

**our hearts long to find you,**

**our souls desire to serve you.**

**Send us out, aware of your presence,**

**that our hearts may be renewed,**

**our minds refreshed, our souls restored,**

**that we may reveal you to others,**

**and know you ourselves,**

**as Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Notices**

*Final hymn*

## **Blessing**

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,  
wherever he may send you.

May he guide you through the wilderness,  
protect you through the storm.

May he bring you home rejoicing  
at the wonders he has shown you.

May he bring you home rejoicing  
once again into our doors.

**Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**