**Holy Communion service for 08 November 2020**

**11:00 am** Remembrance Day2 minute silence

11:02 am Communion

**Communion**

The Lord’s table has been celebrated by Christ’s followers and believers through the years, since that last supper that he had with his disciples, which scripture records.

Yes, we are socially distanced because of the pandemic situation, and being largely confined to our homes at present, but we remain in the unity of faith, hope, and purpose.

And so let us gather our thoughts and calm our hearts, as we come before the Lord ’s table.

This is the table,

not of the Church,

but of the Lord.

It is to be made ready

for those who love Him and who want to love Him more.

And so come,

if you have much faith

and if you have little faith,

if you have been here often,

and if you have not been for a long time,

if you have tried to follow

and if you have failed.

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.

**Reading**

John 6:32-35

***32****Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.****33****For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”*

***34****“Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.”*

***35****Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.*

**Prayer**

Let us pray

Our Heavenly father,

You deserve gratitude, praise, and our hearts lifted high to you.

For when we were nothing, you made us something

When we had no name, no faith, and no future,

You called us your children

When we lost our way or turned away, you did not abandon us

When we came back to you, your arms opened wide in welcome.

You prepare a table for us,

Offering us not just bread, not just wine, but your very self

So that we may be filled, forgiven, healed, blessed, and made new again

You are worthy all our pain and all our praises

In Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen.

**Institution of Holy Communion**

Among friends, gathered round a table, Jesus took bread, broke it and said,

‘This is my body, it is for you’.

In like manner, let us break bread, and prayerfully eat together, and share in the body of Christ.

**At this point we all eat the bread together.**

And later, he took the cup of wine and said,

This is the new relationship with God, made possible because of my death,

Take this, all of you, to remember me.

In like manner, let us prayerfully drink the cup together, and share in the blood of Christ.

**At this point we all drink the cup together.**

God who has nourished us, is our peace.

Strangers and friends, from all walks of life,

He has broken down the barriers to bind us to him and to each other.

And so may his spirit, life, grace, and peace shine in us, and through us.

Let us conclude this service by praying the words of the Lord’s prayer together:

**The Lord’s Prayer in closing**

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, and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever.

Amen.

This is the end of our service.

May the presence, the peace, and the blessing of God be with you. Amen.

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