

Closing Responses & Blessing

Jesus who feeds the hungry with the bread of life and quenches the thirsty with water.
Send us out to offer your life giving bread to live out your way in the world.

Bless us and the people we meet along the way
Father,
Son
and Holy Spirit.
Amen

Come, one, come all

Let all the earth come join the song
And join the dance for all belong
Creation beats with willing hearts
So come on Saints let's play our part

Come one, Come all
To life's that whole
Come one, come all
To love that's whole

The hills and rivers sound their praise
And we join in for our God reigns
Come to the table, eat your fill
Come rest by living waters still

Come one, Come all
To life's that whole
Come one, come all
To love that's whole

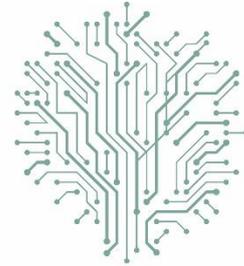
So take your place and know you're loved
And spread the word for there's enough
To know our God and truly live
For all the world was made for this

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1 Bread for tomorrow. 2004. Page 97.
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UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

Simple worship for the scattered Christian community

A Holy Communion video led liturgy is available at
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John 6: 35, 41-51
Pentecost 11

Welcome

An opportunity to welcome people to the gathering

Responses & Gathering Prayer

God, food of the poor;
Christ our bread,
give us a taste of the tender bread
from your creation's table;
bread newly taken from your heart's oven,
food that comforts and nourishes us. 1

Come Jesus the bread of life and feed us this day that we might never be hungry again.

Amen.

Music for Reflection

Suggested song: [Come one, Come all](#)
Songs for the Saints by [Malcolm Gordon](#) © 2016
<https://malcolmgordon.bandcamp.com/track/come-one-come-all-2>

Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

You are invited to turn to those around you and offer them a word of greeting and peace.

The Word around the Bush

John 6 35, 41-51

³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

⁴¹ Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴² They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³ Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶ Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Message

From your Scattered Community Minister or another leader within your gathering.

Questions for conversation

- I wonder what you have heard and thought from the Word today?
- I wonder what the eating of the living bread that brings the fullness and abundance of life looks like where you are?
- What one action can you or your church take in response to the Word today?

Silence in Two Ways

Spend some time in silence sitting still (suggested 5 minutes). Close your eyes lightly. Sit relaxed but alert.

- You may like to say the prayer phrase "Mar-an-ath-a" (which means come Lord). Say this as four syllables. Do not try to think or imagine anything. If

thoughts or distractions come simply return to saying the word.

- Or you may like "sitting with God" — a silent time in which we focus all our mind, heart and soul on the presence of God without trying to create it. Simply be still and open to God.

Prayers for Others

Eternal God,
where there is hope, you are there.
Where there is compassion and the desire for wholeness, you are there.

Where there is the struggle for peace, you are there.
Where the hungry are fed, and the poor empowered, you are there.

Where there is delight in the trees of the land, or the depths of the seas, you are there.

Wherever love is announced, you are there.
In you is such longing for your creation, and for humanity, and we thank you for that presence of you, in Spirit, in people, renewing, calling, and saving.

In that knowledge, and in our simple faith, we bring our prayers for your creation and for the people of this world.

- Christ we open ourselves in prayer for:
[\[silence for personal prayer or invite others to open prayer in between each\]](#)

Your creation ...
Silence

For others we have hear about throughout our world ...
Silence

For other people we know and are close to ...
Silence

For our church and our wider community ...
Silence

For ourselves ...
Silence

Suggested song: [Our Father in heaven](#)

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