



# Bread for the World

An Informal Eucharist  
*Living God's Future Now*

May 16, 2024

1:00 p.m.

St Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church  
6630 Nall Avenue, Mission, Kansas



*All stand.*

## **Welcome and Opening Prayers**

*Bishop*

Creator God,  
Come to us, in the difference of every life gathered  
Come to us in song  
Come to us in word  
Come to us in stillness and silence  
Come to us in our care for one another  
Come to us in bread and wine  
Come to us in flesh and blood  
Reach out across time  
Be present in all time.

*Amen.*

*People*

*Come Jesus, be our guest,  
Stay with us for day is ending.  
With friend, with stranger,  
With young and old,  
With the lost and found  
Be among us tonight  
Our guest our host  
The one who says all – all are welcome here.*

1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest;  
 2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met;  
 3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take,  
 4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee,

nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;  
 thou at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand:  
 one Church u - ni - ted in com - mun - ion blest;  
 who art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;

thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest  
 “This is my Bo - dy”; so thou giv - est yet:  
 one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break,  
 then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see;

in thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.  
 faith still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.  
 with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.  
 be known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

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### Prayers of Forgiveness

*Bishop* God longs to be with us. But we often live in alienation from God, ourselves, one another and God’s creation. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

*Silence is kept.*

Because the world is beautiful but beauty is easily destroyed, we need you. Lord, have mercy.

*The People respond with a sung Kyrie eleison.*

Ukrainian traditional

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

*Bishop* Because we often abandon you and turn away and walk past and are afraid and countless times betray you but you love us to the end and win a victory over all hatred, we need you. Christ, have mercy.

*The People sing the Christe eleison.*

*Bishop* Because we have your message to proclaim, because we have your kingdom to build, because there are so many in need of your love, because we have your life to live. Lord, have mercy.

*The People sing the Kyrie eleison.*

*Bishop* And Jesus said ‘Your sins are forgiven’

In the name of the Father who created you and waits to welcome you home, in the name of the Son who searches for you, in the name of the Spirit who brings the healing of forgiveness and calls you to do the same, you have been set free. **Amen.**

## Words on the Edge

*The Congregation is seated.*

*Lector* A Reading from the Book of Exodus

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, ‘I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.’ When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, ‘Moses, Moses!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ Then he said, ‘Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.’ He said further, ‘I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, ‘I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.’ But Moses said to God, ‘Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?’ He said, ‘I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.’

But Moses said to God, ‘If I come to the Israelites and say to them, “The God of your ancestors has sent me to you”, and they ask me, “What is his name?” what shall I say to them?’ God said to Moses, ‘I am who I am.’ He said further, ‘Thus you shall say to the Israelites, “I am has sent me to you.” ’ God also said to Moses, ‘Thus you shall say to the Israelites, “The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you”:

This is my name for ever,  
and this my title for all generations.

*Exodus 3:1-15*

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

***People Thanks be to God.***

Reflection

The Reverend Dr. Sam Wells  
Vicar, St Martin-in-the-Fields, London

Choral Response

*God's gonna set this world on fire*

Moses Hogan

## The Prayers

Prayer of Thanksgiving  
Prayer of Concern  
Prayer of Hope

Each prayer will end with "Lord, in your mercy." The People respond: **Hear our prayer.**

Choral Response      *Wa wa wa Emimimo (Come, Holy Spirit)*      Nigerian trad. arr. Geoff Weaver

## Sharing of the Peace

*Bishop* God of eternal peace, who offers the gift of peace and whose children are the peacemakers; pour your peace into our hearts, that conflict and anger may cease. Peace is the gift of the Risen Christ.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** *And also with you.*

*Bishop* Let us offer each other a sign of that peace.

## Offertory

*Bishop* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

## Gathering

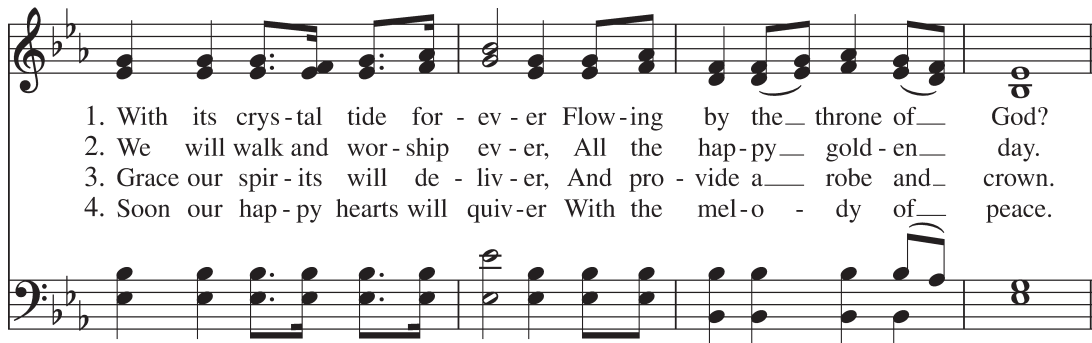
Gathering Hymn

*Shall We Gather at the River*

LEVAS 141



1. Shall we gath-er at the riv-er, Where bright an-gel feet have trod;—  
2. On the mar-gin of the riv-er, Wash-ing up its sil-ver spray,—  
3. Ere we reach the shin-ing riv-er, Lay we ev-'ry bur-den down;—  
4. Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv-er, Soon our pil-grim-age will cease,—



1. With its crys-tal tide for-ev-er Flow-ing by the throne of God?  
2. We will walk and wor-ship ev-er, All the hap-py gold-en day.  
3. Grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, And pro-vide a robe and crown.  
4. Soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er With the mel-o-dy of peace.

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful\_ riv - er;  
 Gath - er with the saints\_ at the riv - er That flows by the throne of\_ God.

Words: Robert Lowry (1826-1899). Music: Robert Lowry.

## The Eucharist

- Bishop* The Lord be with you.  
*People* ***And also with you.***  
*Bishop* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* ***We lift them to the Lord.***  
*Bishop* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

### *The Bishop continues*

Glorious God, in Moses, the prophets, and the psalms you showed your purpose for your people and your love for your world. In Jesus you fulfilled your promises and opened to us your heart. In his passion and death we saw the consequences of our rejection and the depth of your yearning. Yet you raised Jesus from the tomb. In his resurrection you invite us into the company of your eternal joy, and in his ascension on high you seal as complete his work among us. So with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we praise you forever, singing:

Sanctus *Santo, Santo* *Argentinian trad. arr. Geoff Weaver*

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra! Mi  
 co - ra - zón te sa - be de cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.

*The Bishop continues*

Gracious God, your Son at his ascension promised the disciples they would be clothed with power from on high. Send now your Holy Spirit, that we may know the presence of your Son among us, and that bread broken, and wine outpoured, may be for us his body and blood. Who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, 'Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.' After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Great is the mystery of faith:

***Bishop and People***

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

*The Bishop continues*

Generous God, your Son told his disciples to stay in the city until they were clothed by the Spirit. Give courage to those whom you call to stay in places of danger and confusion when their hearts are full of doubt and disillusion. Your Son withdrew from the disciples when they did not know what the future would hold. Be close to all who face an uncertain future and deeply know their need of you. Your Son's disciples were continually in the temple praising you. Give your church a fresh outpouring of your Spirit and make it a blessing to all the children of your earth; until the completion of your Son's ministry becomes the completion of your whole creation, and you are all in all, one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Bishop* Let us pray, each in our own preferred language, the prayer our Savior taught us:

***Bishop and People***

***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.***

***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.***

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Bishop breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Facing the people, the Bishop says*

*Bishop* Look, Jesus Christ, the Bread of Heaven,  
is broken for the life of the world.  
The gifts of God for the people of God.

*People* ***Jesus Bread of Life,  
Bread which is broken,  
Bread for the world.***

*The People sing the Agnus Dei*

*O Lamb of God, you cleanse our hearts  
and take our sin away.  
O Lamb of God, your grace impart,  
and let our guilty fear depart,  
have mercy, Lord, we pray,  
have mercy, Lord, we pray*

Michael Forster (b. 1946)

*O Lamb of God, our lives restore,  
our guilty souls release.  
Into our lives your Spirit pour  
and let us live for evermore  
in perfect heav'nly peace,  
in perfect heav'nly peace.*

## The Communion of the People

*The ministers receive the Sacrament and deliver it to the people.*

Communion Music

*Love Bade Me Welcome*

Judith Weir

*After Communion, the Bishop says*

Let us pray.

*Bishop and People*

***Lord Jesus Christ,  
You are the Word for us to speak,  
You are the Truth for us to tell;  
You are the Light for us to light in the darkness,  
You are the Bread of Life for us to share. Amen***

*Brief announcements may be made.*

Thanksgiving Hymn

“Ye servants of God”

Hymn 535

1 Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,  
 2 God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;  
 3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!  
 4 Then let us a - dore, and give him his right:

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful Name;  
 and still he is nigh: his pres - ence we have.  
 Let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son.  
 All glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

the Name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol:  
 The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,  
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,  
 and hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

his king - dom is glo - rious; he rules o - ver all.  
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.  
 fall down on their fa - ces, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
 and thanks nev - er - ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Paderborn*, melody from *Catolisch-Paderbornisches Gesang-buch*, 1765; harm. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947).

## The Blessing

*The Bishop blesses the people*

Go simply, lightly, gently

Go with obedience

Go with love

And the blessing of Almighty God,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and forever. *Amen.*

Blessing Anthem

“Lord of all hopefulness”

Nils Greenhow