

# *The Summons*

## Guided Prayer and Song

As we sing each verse, pray through the words of "The Summons," allowing them to become for you a means of committing yourself to this next phase of *The Journey*:

*Will you come and follow me If I but call your name?*

*Will you go where you don't know And never be the same?*

*Will you let my love be shown, Will you let my name be known,*

*Will you let my life be grown In you and you in me?*

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*Will you leave yourself behind If I but call your name?*

*Will you care for cruel and kind And never be the same?*

*Will you risk the hostile stare Should your life attract or scare?*

*Will you let me answer pray'r In you and you in me?*

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*Will you let the blinded see If I but call your name?*

*Will you set the prisoners free And never be the same?*

*Will you kiss the leper clean, And do such as this unseen,*

*And admit to what I mean In you and you in me?*

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*Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but call your name?*

*Will you quell the fear inside And never be the same?*

*Will you use the faith you've found To reshape the world around,*

*Through my sight and touch and sound In you and you in me?*

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*Lord, your summons echoes true When you but call my name.*

*Let me turn and follow you And never be the same.*

*In your company I'll go Where your love and footsteps show.*

*Thus I'll move and live and grow In you and you in me.*

- John Bell, The Iona Community

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## *Blessing for The Journey*

*Look at your hands, see and touch the tenderness—God's own for the world.*

*Look at your feet, see the path and the direction—God's own for the world.*

*Look at your heart, see the fire and the love—God's own for the world.*

*Look at the cross, see God's Son and our Savior—God's own for the world.*

*This is God's world and we will serve God in it.*

Wild Goose Worship Group, A Wee Worship Book, 1989

### A Meditation: Isaiah 43

Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you through this passage of Scripture. Pray that the Spirit will help you to open your mind and heart to hear God's voice and that you will hear God's specific message to you in this particular time and place.

Read Isaiah 43 once, slowly, maintaining an attitude of openness and prayer. Now personalize this passage. Replace each pronoun with your name, and as the Lord guide's you, feel free to replace other names and places with names, places, temptations, struggles, etc. that you are facing in your own life. Now read this personalized version of Isaiah 43. How is God speaking to you through this passage? Spend some time in prayer with these thoughts. You may want to record these thoughts in a journal as your prayerfully reflect upon them.



## Psalm 139:1-18 A David Psalm The Message (MSG)

139 <sup>1-6</sup> GOD, investigate my life; get all the facts firsthand. I'm an open book to you; even from a distance, you know what I'm thinking. You know when I leave and when I get back; I'm never out of your sight. You know everything I'm going to say before I start the first sentence. I look behind me and you're there, then up ahead and you're there, too—your reassuring presence, coming and going. This is too much, too wonderful—I can't take it all in!

<sup>7-12</sup> Is there anyplace I can go to avoid your Spirit? to be out of your sight? If I climb to the sky, you're there! If I go underground, you're there! If I flew on morning's wings to the far western horizon, You'd find me in a minute— you're already there waiting! Then I said to myself, "Oh, he even sees me in the dark! At night I'm immersed in the light!" It's a fact: darkness isn't dark to you; night and day, darkness and light, they're all the same to you.

<sup>13-16</sup> Oh yes, you shaped me first inside, then out; you formed me in my mother's womb. I thank you, High God—you're breathtaking! Body and soul, I am marvelously made! I worship in adoration—what a creation! You know me inside and out, you know every bone in my body; You know exactly how I was made, bit by bit, how I was sculpted from nothing into something. Like an open book, you watched me grow from conception to birth; all the stages of my life were spread out before you, The days of my life all prepared before I'd even lived one day.

<sup>17-18</sup> Your thoughts—how rare, how beautiful! 'God, I'll never comprehend them! I couldn't even begin to count them— any more than I could count the sand of the sea. Oh, let me rise in the morning and live always with you!

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### How do I know God? "How am I called to serve?"

**Read the Psalm slowly.** Which lines speak to you most powerfully? Sit quietly for a moment. Now read the Psalm again, slowly. What words or phrases shine out at you? Mark them or jot them down.

**How are you called to serve?** Close your eyes a moment and ask God to show you again the moments, the ways in your life when you have seen or understood or experienced God most clearly. What are your deepest moments of faith...After a conversion experience? ...A tiny moment of awe during a Christmas Eve, Easter, or Outdoor service? ...A nudge from the Spirit? ... A powerful insight during a sermon or reading the Bible? ...A knowledge of forgiveness? ...Everyone's experiences of God are different. Ask God to show you yours. How are you called to serve God? \*Adapted from Unbinding Your Heart (Reece) Week1: Day 1

**Psalm 139 reminds us of how well God knows us.**

**Please read on side 1: How do I know God?**

**“How am I called to serve?”**

**Take time to write something about your call through the years...**

0-5 years old

5-10 years old

10-20 years old

20-30 years old

30-40 years old

40-50 years old

50-60 years old

60-70 years old

70-80 years old

80+ years old

For further reflection Read: Jesus Calls Disciples ; select a reading and reflect on being called to serve.

Matt. 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5: 1-11; John 1:35-51)

**Share with the group findings from side one and two of the handout.**

**“What call did I hear? How have I been prepared to serve?**

**What do I need to better serve?”**

Equipping  
Tuesday Am

**16 GOD GIVEN GIFTS FOR MINISTRY**  
**A List to Encourage and Empower All Leaders Especially Lay Leaders**

1. Minister as Listener *Donna R*
2. Minister as Witness (Acts 1:8)
3. Minister as Artist (John 7:38) *Joan Donna R*
4. Minister as Lover (1 Cor. 13:3)
5. Minister as Prophet (Jer. 1:10)
6. Minister as Liberator (Exodus)
7. Minister as Friend (John 15:15)
8. Minister as Healer/ Comforter
9. Minister as Nurturer
10. Minister as Reconciler/ Peacemaker
11. Minister as Host/ Hostess
12. Minister as Sparkplug/ Catalyst/ Visionary
13. Minister as Manager/ Organizer
14. Minister as Servant/ Laborer (John 15:16)
15. Minister as Builder
16. Minister as Shepherd

Rick  
Wednesday Am

**Muskingum Valley Presbytery**  
**Who/Where am I called to serve?**

How do you define "mission"?

How do you live out this definition in the context of your setting in ministry?

How do you envision our Presbytery living out this definition?

Would you rename this definition? If so how?





## Seven Habits of Health-Promoting Leaders

### 1. Spiritual Grounding

- Acts responsibly and responsively
- Lives creator/creature tension
- Understands the reality of "new creation"

### 2. Manages Own Anxiety

- Understands anxiety
- Knows one's own anxiety triggers
- Actively takes steps to keep anxiety (and its temptations) within bounds
- Practices a less anxious presence

### 3. Takes Positions and Stays Connected

- Clarifies what one believes
- Avoids the extremes of fusion or cut-off
- Deals with predictable reactivity

### 4. Focuses on Presence and Functioning

- Maintains a research stance
- Understands reciprocity
- Influences the emotional field: calm, focus, change, and challenge

### 5. Focuses on Vision and Mission

- "Vision is the commodity of leaders" Warren Bennis
- Stays on course, has direction
- Perseveres, uses emotional stamina

### 6. Focuses on Strengths

- Celebrates resources, open to the future and moves towards neostasis
- Combats mood problems
- Uses conflict for discovery and learning

### 7. Challenges Self and Others

- Tolerates pain in self and others
- Practices the art of collaboration and empowerment
- Avoids "taking temperature" before taking action



## Responses and Sharing

### Seven Habits of Health Promoting Church Leaders:

#### 1. Spiritual Grounding

The spiritual theme(s) I would give to the past year is:

My most powerful spiritual experience in the past year was:

My most difficult spiritual struggle in the past year was:

#### 2. Manage Anxiety

When I become anxious I: internally and externally

What I do to calm myself:

My main anxiety triggers are:

Anxiety triggers I have/am overcoming are:

#### 3. Take Stands and Stay Connected

Three things I know to be true and base my ministry on are:

I struggle to stay connected:

I feel good about holding the course on:

#### 4. Focus on Presence and Functioning

Something I learned/clarified about my functioning as a leader this year was:

I maintain balance between under and overfunctioning by:

When I lose my objectivity I:

#### 5. Focus on Vision and Mission

I can get distracted from my/our vision by:

I find my way back to my/our vision by:

I keep mission and vision before the congregation by:

#### 6. Focus on Strengths

I am proud of our congregation's strengths in the area of:

I look forward to developing/strengthening this coming year in the areas of:

#### 7. Challenges Self and Others

I hope to grow in the following areas this coming year:

I would predict the greatest resistance to .....this coming year:

I think we need to challenge the congregation to:

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# OPEN SPACE DISCUSSIONS → MISSION

Rich  
Tuesday  
pm

IS THE PURPOSE OF MISSION COMMISSION TO BE A SUPPORT SYSTEM TO CHURCHES  
WITHIN THE PRES. OR A FACILITATOR OF PRESBYTERY WIDE MISSION.

Sue Ellen

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS & INTERNATIONAL PRESBYTERY REPS.

Lynn

BE A PRESENCE... HELPING OTHERS IN DISASTER

MARY

POSSIBILITY OF BRINGING IN LEADERS OF SUPPORT SYSTEMS

Sue Ellen

RE-INTRODUCE SYNOD OR INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS FOR INFORMATION & ENERGY

Lynn & Sue Ellen

PARTNER CHURCHES INTERNATIONALLY & THROUGH PRESBYTERY

Darla & Rick

THE COMMISSION SHOULD BE THE CONNECTOR BETWEEN NEEDS & PROVIDER & I.E. ...

PASSION & NEED

Darla

CREATE A LIST OF MISSIONS FROM EACH CHURCH W/ A CONTACT TO BE FORWARDED  
TO THE PRESBYTERY. → ZII FOR THE PRESBY

Sue Ellen

MISSION TRIPS & WORK CAMPS

Darla

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT, MULTI-GENERATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Sue Ellen, Darla, Rick

YOUNG ADULTS & MILLENNIALS

GROUP

WELCOME YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS IN PLANNING PROCESSES

Lynn & Sue Ellen

FUNDRAISER OPPORTUNITIES COULD BE COORDINATED W/ PRESBY & CHURCHES

Lynn

WORK WITH OTHERS NOT FOR OTHERS CREATING A SPIRITUAL RECIPROCITY

Sue Ellen

TRANSFORMATIONAL SERVANTHOOD

Chris

RELATIONSHIPS

Be willing to do the HARD STUFF

Sue Ellen

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DARLA REVENAUGH, CHRIS STEWART





How Do We Define

Rick - Mission  
Wed. AM

ACTION, HELPING HURTS & SHARING LOVE, SHARING CHRIST  
THE PRESBYTERY/<sup>PARISH</sup> MAY TAKE ON MISSION PROJECTS.

How Do we Live? - PREACH, TEACH, HEAL,  
TEACH MISSION TO ~~THE~~ CONGREGATION  
PRESBYTERY → PRESBYTERY ; Church to Church;

When

WHAT DO WE WANT TO DO? - COMBINE PASSIONS & NEEDS OF COMMUNITIES  
FROM

PRESBYTERY HUNTER NETWORK

PRESBYTERY MISSION YEARBOOK

JOAN BRODE will COORDINATE  
INFORMATION

COULD YOU RENAME IT? - SERVING TOGETHER; CATALYST TO SERVE;  
MISSION IN ACTION; JOURNEY TO TOUCH

GO OUT & COLLECT FOOD ITEMS

GROUP # 2

MISSION IS LIFESTYLE  
WALKING WITH NOT DOING FOR

MISSION IS RELATIONAL

COMMUNITY CAN BE A PLACE OF RENEWAL & HAVE A RETREAT  
FOR CONNECTIONS

RECIPROCAL & INVESTING IN PEOPLE

*Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.*

*High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.*

### **A Prayer of Vision**

#### **Psalm 143**

ONE: Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my supplications in your faithfulness; answer me in your righteousness.

**MANY: I remember the days of old, I think about all your deeds, I meditate on the works of your hands. I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.**

ONE: Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning, for in you I put my trust. Teach me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

**MANY: Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.  
Let your good spirit lead me on a level path.**

#### SONG

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy, tried and true  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You*

*It is you, Lord, who came to save  
The heart and soul of every man  
It is you Lord who knows my weakness  
Who gives me strength, with thine own hand.*

*Lead Me on Lord, from temptation  
Purify me from within  
Fill my heart with you Holy Spirit  
Take away all my sin*

### **Call to Worship (1 King 19: 11-13)**

ONE: He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by."

**MANY: Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord,**

ONE: but the Lord was not in the wind;

**MANY: and after the wind an earthquake,**

ONE: but the Lord was not in the earthquake;

**MANY: and after the earthquake a fire,**

ONE: but the Lord was not in the fire;

**MANY: and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.**

ONE: When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

<SILENCE>

*Be still and know that I am God.*

*Be still and know that I am God.*

*Be still and know that I am God.*

<SILENCE>

*I am the Lord that healeth thee.*

*I am the Lord that healeth thee.*

*I am the Lord that healeth thee.*

<SILENCE>

### **A Prayer of Gratitude**

#### SONG

*Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.*

*Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.*

#### Benediction

#### **Genesis 4: 2-7**

Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a tiller of the ground. In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel for his part brought of the firstlings of his flock, their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. The Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is lurking at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it."

<LIFT UP YOUR ANGER TO THE LORD>

#### **Genesis 32:24-28**

Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.

When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said,

"You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed."

<LIFT UP YOUR STRUGGLES TO THE LORD>

#### **Matthew 11:28-30**

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 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."

<LIFT UP YOUR WEARINESS TO THE LORD>

#### **Matthew 6:25-34**

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of

the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

<LIFT UP YOUR WORRY AND ANXIETY TO THE LORD>

#### **Philippians 4:4-9**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

<RECEIVE THE PEACE OF THE LORD>

#### **SONG**

*Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.  
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.*



Christmas & Epiphany

He who was first held by Mary  
is held for us in this bread.  
He whose body was laid in a manger,  
is cradled in this cup.

Lent

He who has suffered for our injustices  
is now present in this bread.  
He whose body was hung on a cross,  
is now offered to us in this cup.

Easter

He who was buried but rose from the dead  
is now present in this bread.  
He whose wounded hands  
were offered to the unbelieving,  
now reaches out in this cup.

Pentecost

He who breathed on his first disciples,  
is present for us in this bread.  
He whose Spirit stirred the Church at Pentecost,  
now revives us in this cup.

Marriage

He whose company once cheered a wedding feast,  
now is present in this bread.  
He whose word turned water into wine,  
now refreshes us in this cup.

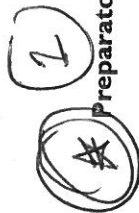
Funeral

He who grieved for the death of his friend,  
shares his solidarity through this bread.  
He who is surrounded by the saints in high heaven,  
offers his consolation in this cup.

# Liturgy for Holy Communion B

This is the shorter of the two Communion liturgies. If need be, it may be advertised as either A SHORTER ORDER or A SHORTER CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION, never 'An Informal Communion'.

The original setting for this liturgy was a sitting room. It therefore presumes an intimacy of place and people.



## Preparatory reading

Open Our Eyes 2086

(If appropriate, one of the following scripture passages may be read after people have gathered round a bare table. As the words are read slowly, a cloth may be spread, candles lit and any relevant symbols placed on or near the table.

## Biblical passages:

- Psalms 23
- Isaiah 25: 6-9
- Luke 14: 15-24
- Luke 24: 13-31
- The Lord is my Shepherd
- A Banquet of Rich Fare
- The Great Feast
- The Emmaus Road

Opening sentences *Down*

Leader:

As if this were the only time,  
and this the only place,  
and we the only people,  
Jesus Christ will meet us.

As if this were the only time,  
and this the only place,  
and we the only people,  
let us worship God.



**Song of praise**

**Prayer**

*Ben*  
Leader: You found out what we were doing  
and you intervened.  
'Come and do it together;  
come and do it with me,' you said.  
SO, THANK YOU, LORD,  
FOR INTERVENING IN OUR PRIVATE LIVES.

*Paulina*  
ALL: You promised us nothing  
by way of success, recognition,  
possessions or reward.  
'These things will come at the right time  
when you walk with me,' you said.  
SO, THANK YOU, LORD,  
FOR PROMISING US NOTHING.

Leader: You gave us no resources apart from ourselves –  
hands meant for caring,  
lips meant for praising,  
hearts meant for loving –  
and the Holy Spirit to make us restless  
until we change.  
SO, THANK YOU, LORD,  
FOR THE ESSENTIAL GIFTS.

Leader: Then just when we think we've got it right  
as to where we should go and what we should do;  
just when we're ready to take on the world,  
you come, like a beggar, to our back door,  
saying, 'This is the way.  
I am the way.'  
And offering us bread and wine.

ALL: SO, THANK YOU, LORD,  
FOR COMING AGAIN  
AND KEEPING YOUR WORD,  
AND SHOWING YOU CARE  
FOR US AND FOR ALL PEOPLE.  
AMEN.

**Word of God**

*Luke*  
*24:*  
*13-32*  
(Either a member of the gathering may read an  
appropriate scripture passage or: the Leader may invite  
people to close their eyes and, from memory, to recall  
what – for them – are significant Gospel pictures of  
Jesus. The Leader may begin with the following example,  
then others can follow the pattern, beginning with the  
phrase, 'I see Jesus ...':

Leader: I see Jesus ...  
sitting in a boat looking at the crowds of people  
who have come to hear him.

It may be helpful to sing the chant **BEHOLD THE LAMB  
OF GOD** – see Appendix, page 113 – before and after  
each remembrance. The Leader may end the meditation  
by saying:

Leader: Thanks be to God who has met us in Jesus.  
ALL: AMEN.

**Invitation**

*Qui*  
Celebrant: 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.

So, come,  
you who have much faith  
and you who have little,  
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,  
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.



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# Communion song

*Let us be bread 2260*

(During which the bread and wine are brought forward)

## The story

Celebrant:

Now let us hear the story  
of how this sacrament began.

Reader:

On the night on which Jesus was betrayed,  
he sat at supper with his disciples.  
While they were eating, he took a piece of bread,  
said a blessing,  
broke it and gave it to them with the words,  
'This is my body. It is broken for you.  
Do this to remember me.'

Later, he took a cup of wine, saying,  
'This cup is God's new covenant,  
sealed with my blood.  
Drink from it, all of you, to remember me.'

Celebrant:

So now, following Jesus' example and command,  
we take this bread and this wine,  
the ordinary things of the world  
which Christ will make special.  
And as he said a prayer before sharing,  
let us do so too.

## Eucharistic prayer A

Leader:

As we approach sharing Communion with our Lord,  
let us express our gratitude to God  
for what is important to us at this time,  
whether that be ordinary or special.

In this prayer I shall say two phrases,  
each ending with 'Thank you, God,'  
to which we all respond,  
'THANK YOU, GOD.'

After that, anyone else may give thanks,  
using the same pattern

and ending with the same words  
which we all repeat.

Let us pray.

For this time and this place  
and those around us,  
thank you, God  
THANK YOU, GOD.

ALL:

For our freedom to worship  
and name you,  
thank you, God.  
THANK YOU, GOD.

Leader:

ALL:

(Others may follow in the same pattern *ad lib*, until the  
Leader reads the sentence before the SANCTUS)

## Eucharistic prayer B

*Barbara*

Leader:

Gratitude, praise,  
hearts lifted high,  
voices full and joyful ...  
these you deserve.

For when we were nothing,  
you made us something.  
When we had no name  
and 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.

And look,  
you prepare a table for us  
offering 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 worth all our pain and all our praise.



So now, in gratitude,  
we join our voices  
to those of the Church on earth and in heaven:

**Sanctus**

(Spoken or sung – see Appendix, page 126)

ALL:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD,  
GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT.  
HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY.  
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.

BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES  
IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.  
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.

Leader:

Lord God,  
as we come to share the richness of your table,  
we cannot forget the rawness of the earth.

We cannot take bread  
and forget those who are hungry.  
Your world is one world  
and we are stewards of its nourishment.  
LORD, PUT OUR PROSPERITY  
AT THE SERVICE OF THE POOR.

ALL:

Leader:

We cannot take wine,  
and forget those who are thirsty.  
The ground and the rootless,  
the earth and its weary people cry out for justice.  
LORD, PUT OUR FULLNESS  
AT THE SERVICE OF THE EMPTY.

ALL:

Leader:

We cannot hear your words of peace  
and forget the world at war  
or, if not at war, then preparing for it.  
SHOW US QUICKLY, LORD,  
HOW TO TURN WEAPONS  
INTO WELCOME SIGNS  
AND THE LUST FOR POWER  
INTO A DESIRE FOR PEACE.

ALL:

Leader: We cannot celebrate the feast of your family  
and forget our divisions.

We are one in spirit, but not in fact.  
History and hurt still dismember us.

ALL:

LORD, HEAL YOUR CHURCH  
IN EVERY BROKENNESS.

**Prayer of consecration**

Celebrant:

For us you were born,  
for us you healed,  
preached, taught  
and showed the way to heaven;  
for us you were crucified,  
and for us, after death,  
you rose again.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
present with us now,  
for all that you have done  
and all that you have promised,  
what have we to offer?

Our hands are empty,  
our hearts are sometimes full of wrong things.  
We are not fit to gather up the crumbs  
from under your table.

But with you is mercy  
and the power to change us.

So as we do in this place  
what you did in an upstairs room,  
send down your Holy Spirit  
on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine  
that they may become for us your body,  
healing, forgiving  
and making us whole;





and that we may become,  
for you,  
your body,  
loving and caring in the world  
until your kingdom comes.  
Amen.

*The Lord's prayer*  
(Taking and breaking the bread)

Among friends, gathered round a table,  
Jesus took bread, broke it and said,  
'This is my body,  
it is broken for you.'

(Taking the cup of wine)

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.'

(Spoken or sung - see Appendix, page 111)

ALL:  
LAMB OF GOD,  
YOU TAKE AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD,  
HAVE MERCY UPON US.

LAMB OF GOD,  
YOU TAKE AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD,  
HAVE MERCY ON US.

LAMB OF GOD,  
YOU TAKE AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD,  
GRANT US YOUR PEACE.

Celebrant:  
Look,  
here is your Lord coming to you  
in bread and wine.

These are the gifts of God  
for the people of God.

*John*

(The bread and wine are shared according to  
appropriate custom. A quiet chant may be sung as the  
elements are distributed.)

*John's  
all  
The Lord's*

### The Peace

Celebrant: Please stand.

Not an easy peace,  
not an insignificant peace,  
not a half-hearted peace,  
but the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ  
is with us now.

Let us share it with each other.

(The PEACE may be shared)

### Concluding prayer

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have put your life into our hands;  
now we put our lives into yours.

*Budd*

Take us,  
renew and remake us.  
What we have been is past;  
what we shall be, through you,  
still awaits us.

Lead us on.  
Take us with you.  
AMEN.

ALL:

Closing song (ALL standing)

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*Worship and prayer*

