Sharing the Feast of Life in the Rainbow Season

Including Leeds Pride Sunday: LGBTQ+ Liberation Sunday

Please have ready: a candle, a Bible, bread and wine/juice, and some RAINBOWS!

We light a candle.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people and kindle in us the fire of your love.

Take, O take me as I am: summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

In the name of the Creator who made us, we celebrate the goodness of our lives.
In the name of Christ who came to set us free, we rejoice in our diversity of love and life.
In the name of the Spirit who sustains us, we challenge ourselves to grow and to dream. God, in your presence we gather: be among us now.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to our Maker.  
To God be glory for ever.  
 Alleluia, Amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to our Saviour.  
To Christ be glory for ever.  
Alleluia, Amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory Holy Spirit.  
Give us your freedom for ever.  
Alleluia, Amen.  
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Reconciliation  
We recognize the prejudice and pain of our world,  
and our part in that pain;  
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.
Sisters, brothers, siblings,  
hear the word of the Lord:  
we are forgiven; Christ sets us free –  
let us journey on with hope.  
Let us forgive and love ourselves:  
Let us forgive and love others.  
In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.  

Kids’ Church departs.  

Reading(s) and reflection  
Open our minds to know you, Lord,  
open our ears to hear your voice,  
open our minds now to your Word:  
come to us now, O Lord our God.  

After the reading:  
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.  
Thanks be to God.  

The reflection or sermon follows.  

THERE IS NEITHER JEW NOR GENTILE,  
NEITHER SLAVE NOR FREE,  
NOR IS THERE MALE AND FEMALE,  
FOR YOU ARE ALL ONE IN CHRIST JESUS.  

GALATIANS 3:28  

Affirmation of Faith  
We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
God’s Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We believe and trust in God.
We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God’s presence,
to live with respect in creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us, we are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prayers
Please write prayer requests into the comments
(remembering that this is a public space)

The Peace
*Lord Jesus Christ, lover of all,*
*trail wide the hem of your garment.*
*Bring healing, bring peace.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you:
*And also with you.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving
God of all life, you created the universe
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this diverse and beautiful earth
to discover and explore and cherish.
You give us friends, families and strangers,
you give us happy times and things to celebrate.
And you give us your love,
in times of both joy and sadness.
Your son Jesus knew hurt and pain;
through him you wipe away our tears
and fill us with your peace.
You offer us a taste of your kingdom,
a feast for all your children.
You made us all, each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels and sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy,**
**my heart, my heart adores you!**
**My heart is glad to say the words:**
**you are holy, Lord.**

**Santo, santo, santo,**
**mi corazón te adora!**
**Mi corazón te sabe decir:**
**santo eres, Señor.**

Holy God, in the breaking of bread
Jesus shows himself among us.
Eating with his disciples,
he took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and said,
‘This is my body, which is given for you.
Do this to remember me.’
After supper he took the cup of wine and said,
‘This is my blood, which I pour out for you:
the new covenant in God’s love.
Do this to remember me.’

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.

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.

Jesus, one with God,
come and live among us.
Jesus, bearer of our pain,
touch and heal us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
give us your peace.

Breaking the Bread
This bread we break
is a sharing in the body of Christ.
Gathered in different places,
we are connected in one Spirit:
We who are many are one body,
for we all share the one bread.

The Communion

Please share some bread and juice/wine at home

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to him and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in him and you will not thirst.

Prayer after Communion

Beautiful God
who creates all that is,
you shape your church into a thing of beauty:
All your colours are here among us:
passionate red flaming anger
vibrant orange dancing sunshine
deep golden yellow, rich and full
young, fresh and green
sad and blue, cool and distant
moody indigo, dark as the night
shy violet, quiet violet, forgotten violet.

God who puts colours into the rainbow,
paint with us, weave with us, plant with us:
many colours, many hues,
one rainbow church and world.

News and Notices

Blessing
May the God who dances in creation, who embraces us with human love, who shakes our lives like thunder, bless us and drive us out with power to fill the world with her longing for justice.

Amen.

Mayenziwe ‘ntando yakho:
Your will be done on earth, O Lord.

“At home in South Africa I have sometimes said in big meetings where you have black and white together: ‘Raise your hands!’ Then I’ve said, ‘Move your hands,’ and I’ve said, ‘Look at your hands – different colours representing different people. You are the rainbow people of God.’

“And you remember the rainbow in the Bible is the sign of peace. The rainbow is the sign of prosperity. We want peace, prosperity and justice and we can have it when all the people of God, the rainbow people of God, work together.”

Archbishop Desmond Tutu