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REGIONAL COUNCIL PRAYER CYCLE

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World Wide Communion

"May We All Be One"

OFFERING PRAYER

Everything that is, is yours, God.
You created it in love.

So we offer everything we have to you, God.
We offer the work of our hands and the gifts of our hearts.
In our gathering, help us to touch Earth lightly.
In our sharing, help us to see the need of all creation.
In our using, help us to be people of justice and hope
for all you have brought into being.
Receive these are gift is Jesus name. Amen

PRELUDE & WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAYS AND CELEBRATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

This day we join with brothers and sisters around the world
sharing in the special meal of Jesus.

God's love makes us a family!

In different places, in different languages, God's people
share in worship and sacrament.

God's love makes us a family!

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In different styles and different forms, God's people offer prayers and
praise.

God's love makes us a family!

Come, let's celebrate the love of God in our worship today.

God's love makes us a family!

OPENING HYMN: #395 Come In, Come In and Sit Down

REFRAIN: Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.

- 1 You know the reason why you came,
yet no reason can explain;
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
for we are a part of the family. **R**
- 2 God is with us in this place,
like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace,
for we are a part of the family. **R**
- 3 There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;
we are the branches, Christ is the vine.
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,
but we are a part of the family. **R**
- 4 There's rest for the weary and health for us all;
there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.
So come in and worship and answer the call,
for we are a part of the family. **R**

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God - we thank you for calling us together today to worship
you as a family on this World Communion Sunday, we ask that you
send your Holy Spirit to fall afresh on us. We pray for your Spirit to
awaken new hope in us. Grant us the vision to see the coming of your
kingdom. Help us to celebrate the glimpses of grace that you have given

to each of us. Knit our hearts together in worship and communion so that we know we do not struggle alone in working for your peace and justice. We pray this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S TIME

CHILDREN'S HYMN: He's got the Whole World in His Hands

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LEADER: Creator God, this land is your gift to us. Within it is the promise of food for the world. But we confess we have turned the promise into poverty, and the hope into hunger.

PEOPLE: Creator God, this world is your bequest to us. Within it is a need for effort and work. but we confess we have turned the effort into greed, and the work into slavery.

LEADER: Creator God, this planet is your offering to us
It is a tapestry of diversity and wonder.

But we confess we have turned the diversity into destruction,
and the wonder into pollution.

ALL: We have tried to follow our own desires.

We fumble and cannot find our way.

We ignore and discredit the prophets you send to guide us.

Forgive us, teach us, lead us, with a vision for a sharing of the world;
with responsibility for caring for the planet; (relight candle)

with love for the land and its people. And God in forgiveness brings
light back into the world and into our lives. We are forgiven. Thanks be
to God! Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Matthew 22:37-39 & John 13:34 & 35

REFLECTION

This the Sunday when Christians around the world wherever we may be,
wherever we worship we share the same ideals of the breaking of the
bread and the drinking of the wine. Christ laid down his life for us. His
body was broken, His blood was shed for us and that is because he loved
us and he showed us how to live. Christ was an example of how to

carry faith walking rough roads, facing times of troubles and times of
joy and teaching us all that we are brothers and sisters together in Christ.

I know this year is different. How we will celebrate this communion
itself is so very different but if you think about it we are together in one
Community of Faith. Whether we are in church or at home this morning,
today is such a spiritual, fulfilling, celebratory moment in our lives and
all Christians around the world.

This day, World Wide Communion Sunday, brings together 3 things
that are important to the Church and to me. Firstly, this day brings
together the fact that Christians around the world are recognizing the
communion table as a central symbol of God's love and compassion.
Secondly, this day brings the realization that we are part of a world-wide
family of all beings, that we are communing together in the Spirit of
unity and hope. And lastly, this day brings with it a deeply felt
experience of the power of prayer.

So, today wherever we are, let us join with Christians around the world,
and may we all be one in Christ and may you be blessed with this
Communion this morning . Amen

HYMN: #193 "More Voices" God Bless to Us our Bread

God bless to us our bread, And give bread to all those who are hungry
And hunger for justice to those who are fed. God bless to us our bread.

WORLD WIDE COMMUNION LITURGY

CALL TO THE TABLE - UNISON

This table is different this year, but still, the table will be wide.
And the welcome will be wide. And the arms will open wide
to gather us in. And our hearts will open wide to receive.
And we will come as children who trust there is enough.
And we will open our hands to the feast without shame.
And we will turn toward each other without fear.
And we will become bread for a hungry world.

And we will become drink for those who thirst.
 And the blessed will become the blessing.
 And everywhere will be the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Loving God, you have created all things and said that they are good.
 You have placed us in this garden of earth, and asked us to care for it.
 Out of love for us, you have made many covenants, and promised to be
 with us forever and ever. Despite all you have done for us, though,
 Many times have we complained and were ungrateful.
 Many in this world have not learned to share.
 Instead of rejoicing in the differences among people
 society has used these as excuses to put others down, to insult them, to
 take things from them, and to mistreat them.
 You gave us your law... to help us live in your way.
 And you sent prophets to guide us and teach us.
 Many times society has rejected them and said they were full of lies.
 You sent Jesus to live as one of us,
 to be our friend and Saviour and to proclaim your love for all people. He
 shared meals and laughter with all kinds of people,
 and said that everyone was welcome. Yet the very night that he
 celebrated the Passover with his closest friends, they betrayed him and
 denied knowing him and left him to die on a cross.
 But you raised him to new life, and he invited us back to the table
 where we are forgiven, fed, and sent out to proclaim the good news:
 Jesus lives for all people.
 Through this unique communion today once again
 remind us that we are forgiven and loved by you.
 Help us to find ways to be friends with others,
 even those who may seem different from us,
 so that together with all your people
 we might share this world you have given to us.

Let us Hear the Words from Luke 22 :14-20

14When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table.
 15And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with
 you before I suffer. 16For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds
 fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

17After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it
 among you. 18For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine
 until the kingdom of God comes."

19And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them,
 saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

20In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup
 is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.

ACT OF COMMUNION TOGETHER

The world is gathered round this table today. In many different ways but
 the meaning and the celebration is the same!
 So take your bread, your cookie or whatever it is knowing that it
 represents the body of Lord broken for you and for me.
 Lift up your cup and drink whatever it is knowing it represents the
 Blood of our Lord shed for you and for me.

*Take eat and drink for the body of Christ was laid down for you that you
 may have the promise of everlasting life.*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of all nations, we give You thanks that we are all made in Your
 image, with such rich diversity. On this day we are in solidarity with the
 faithful around the world. As we break bread together, we remember
 that we are still one body in You, even though we have different
 languages, cultures and traditions, different ways of worship, praying
 and praising. In solidarity we drink the cup together of hope, of new life,
 knowing that Your will is for Your people to be one body. We are one
 body, but we are not the same—it is through the gift of diversity that we
 are able to be Your body. We thank You and praise You for making us
 all who we are, individually and collectively. We each celebrate our
 own ancestry, culture and ethnicity, and we pray to You now as You
 taught us...

LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: #481 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, God's love shall unite us
to work for the kingdom and answer its call.
- 2 With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honour to Christ and the name that we bear.

SENDING FORTH

Go now as servants of Christ!
May your faith be increased!
May you know..
That we are all children of Christ
Within the world.
For the world gathered around this table today.
Amen and Amen

CHORAL AMEN