



Blyth Valley Parishes

Family Communion

Welcome to our celebration of the meal that makes us one with the whole christian family. This is an informal gathering. Feel free to move about to make yourself comfortable or to keep any children with you entertained! Please ask a welcomer about our children's corner, the nearest toilets or anything.

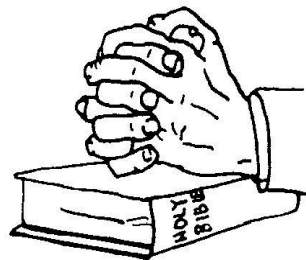
We welcome each other

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it

Opening songs
(inc. gloria)

Readings

Talk



Saying sorry

Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the wrongdoing that clings so closely, looking to Jesus in honesty and faith.

God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face shine upon us:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May your ways be known on the earth,
your saving power among the nations:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your shortcomings,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Songs

Our belief

We say together in faith
**Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father,
who created all things:
**for by his will they were created
and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son,
who died:
**for with his blood,
he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit: the Spirit
**and the Bride say, 'Come!'
Even so come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

Sharing time

Open prayers

Beginning with the Collect

Ending with the Our Father



Song and time for joyful giving

Breaking of bread

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.
In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from selfishness and death.
Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.
We join with them in heaven's song:

**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.**

Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love
and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.
This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

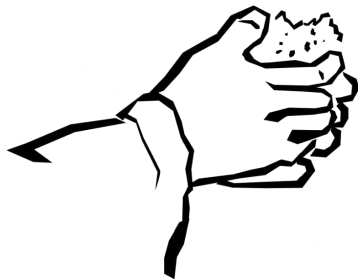
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Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
for your forgiveness.
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.



Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.
May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

- all may receive bread, wine and blessing -

Father of all, you gathered us here
around the table of your Son;
we have shared this meal with the saints
and the whole fellowship of the household of God.
In that new world where the fullness of your peace
will be revealed,
gather people of every race, language and way of life
to share in the one eternal banquet of
Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Song

Parting

May the creator, whose power turned water into wine,
transform our lives and make glad our hearts.
May the Son who shared himself in his body,
bring us the blessings of his presence.
May the Spirit, who works miracles in our lives,
change us day by day from glory to glory,
until that day when we will be with God in paradise.

and the blessing of almighty God,
The Father, the Son and the holy Spirit
Be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

We greet each other on parting



Please join in with the songs and by saying the words in bold type on this leaflet. You may stand, sit or kneel as you are able. We usually only stand for the songs in this service.

The collection is one way members and visitors can give. Our giving time is happy and voluntary. If you can Gift Aid, please do!

Do say hello and chat to us today. If you'd like to keep in touch, give us your preferred contact details.

