

Final Blessing and Dismissal

Leader: May God bless us,
On this day and on every day.
May God enable us to recognise heaven in the ordinary,
and empower us to bring heaven into the ordinary.

All: Amen

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All: In the name of Christ.
Amen.

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Heaven in Ordinary

Welcome to the
Greenbelt communion
service, this year
the service is led by
Sanctus1

On a beautiful day over two thousand years ago in Cana Galilee a wedding was celebrated. During that wedding feast the miraculous happened and the guests saw a glimmer of heaven. Today we invite you to join with us as we remember the story, share in the feast and celebrate the guest who brought heaven into the ordinary.

The service will begin at 10:30. Please gather in groups of 15-20 people with one worship bag and one helium-filled balloon between you. You'll also have been given a gift aid envelope. If you're planning to give to Trust Greenbelt and you're a taxpayer, please put your gift in the envelope and fill in your details. Thanks!

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Love and Joy Gospel choir are performing on the main stage and Psalm Drummers at the arena. At the arena Fuse Factory will be mixing the live video-feed from main stage with video-loops throughout the service.



In your worship bag you will find a children's activity sheet and some spare balloons.

We will learn the song 'Come all you people' before the service begins.

Leader: I light this light in the name of our Creator God
With whom it all started
From whom all things come
Without whom nothing was given life

Leader: I light this light in the name of our Saving God
Who came to us as one of us
Who was Word made flesh
Who celebrated life, showing us the way

Leader: I light this light in the name of our Spirit God
The one who was there from the very beginning
The one who gives life to all
The one who is with us still

All: **We light three lights for the God of Love, Hope and Life -
Love eternal
Hope for all
And life everlasting.
Amen**

*Please stand for the first song:
Come all you people.*

Please be seated



Please remove the gummed paper strips and a pen from your bag. Each write your name on one paper strip, and link it together with the others in your group, making a paper chain circle. Use this time as an opportunity to introduce yourselves to each other.

Story of the wedding in Cana Galilee - John 2: 1-11

Please stand for our second song.

**Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions,
All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
A banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God through Jesus is revealed in time and space;
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.**

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Please be seated for the talk.

Talk – Ann Morisy

Prayers

During the prayers we will be singing a response.

After you hear the words:
God of all things, hear our prayer.

Please respond with:
**Hear us, hear us, hear us now,
Hear us, hear us, hear us now.**



As our final act of prayer, we invite you to write a word or draw a symbol on the balloon as your prayer. Untie the balloon from the bag and release it when instructed. The balloon is biodegradable.

Offering for Trust Greenbelt



Inside your large bag are some gift aid envelopes and a smaller green-striped bag which says 'collection bag' on it. Please put your offering into the green striped bag, gift aiding it where possible.

When you have made your offering, stand up and hold the striped bag in the air - a steward will collect it from you.

During the offering we sing:

**Jesus, you are the bread we long for.
Jesus, you are the word we need.
Jesus, here in your gathered people today,
you live to show us the way.**

1. For those who starve you become bread,
For those who thirst you become wine.
Do this in memory of me
2. For those in need you became poor.
For those in shame your love is sure.
Do this in memory of me

3. For those who weep your arms are wide.
Those who are lost you sit beside.
Do this in memory of me
4. For those alone you speak your word.
For those oppressed your cry is heard.
Do this in memory of me
5. King of all Kings, choosing to serve.
To the world's eyes failed and absurd.
Do this in memory of me

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Prayer of thanks for offering

Confession

Creator God,
Forgive us for the times that we have misused your creation,
Our moments of apathy, carelessness and disregard.
Gracious God, in your mercy:
Forgive us and bring heaven to the ordinary.

Christ the Redeemer,
We belong to a people who are full and satisfied,
But often ignore the cry of the hungry and broken.
Loving Saviour, in your mercy:
Forgive us and bring heaven to the ordinary.

Spirit of Truth,
We are appalled at the global suffering we see on our televisions,
Yet, often we are blind to the injustices on our streets.
Spirit of God, in your mercy:
Forgive us and bring heaven to the ordinary.

Trinity of Love,
We long for a community of welcome,
Forgive our attitude of suspicion toward the stranger.
Trinity of inclusion, in your mercy:
Forgive us and bring heaven to the ordinary.

May our merciful God forgive us,
and bring us the eternal joy of the kingdom.
Amen.



Remove the bread, wine, cup and napkin from the bag and place it in the paper chain circle.

Invitation

Welcome,
Welcome to this meal.
A meal where humanity meets God,
where heaven becomes ordinary.

This is a meal of encounter,
An encounter with Christ,
An encounter with one another,
An encounter with all of humanity.

At this meal the servant becomes the host.
The host welcomes all,
The rich and the poor,
The young and the old,
The broken and vulnerable.
At this table all are equal,
All are guests of God at this heavenly banquet.

So come and receive,
Come you with little faith,
Come you with great faith.
Come with a desire for deeper faith,
Come and receive heaven.

Heaven in the bread and wine.
Heaven in the ordinary.

Please invite one person from your group to stand in the centre of your group holding the bread and wine to be blessed. When the bread is broken on the stage, please also break your bread; when the wine is poured, please also pour your wine.

God our mother and father,
The source of all, bringing life and vitality,
Loving, caring and giving;

God, our Saviour,
Who lived with us, shared our joy and suffering,
And sits at the table with us;

God, the Spirit,
The breath of life,
Inspiring, challenging, and sustaining us;

We thank you God, three in one.

In your compassion and mercy you chose to live among us -
A friend, a brother, a teacher,
An asylum seeker, a traveller, a prisoner.

Speaking for those who have no voice, shouting against injustice,
Modelling for us community, teaching us to love one another,
Serve one another, forgive one another,

Sentenced to death, and punished on a cross of pain, experiencing suffering and shame.

Christ died.

He was raised from the dead, met again with his friends,
Transformed them, and began a movement.

Today he remains with us, praying for us.

Transforming God, we thank you.

We do here as generations have done before us and thank you for this bread and wine.
In this meal we connect with you, are transformed by you, and receive life.

On the night of his rejection and knowing hatred and betrayal, Jesus took bread,
said thank you, broke it, and gave it to his followers saying:

"Take this and eat it. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me".

After supper, Jesus held the cup, said thank you, and gave it to his followers saying:
"Take this and drink it, in remembrance of me".

In bread and wine we remember the one who died for us and today lives for us. We ask
that by your Spirit this bread and wine may become for us your body and your blood.

We bring ourselves,
Our dreams and our fears,
Our hopes and our disappointments,
Our successes and our failures.

Amen

Please share bread and wine in your group

If any of the children in your group decorated a wedding cake in 'Messy Space' yesterday please share it now.

Post-Eucharistic Prayer:

We thank you for allowing us to join the feast.
In the ordinary, you have given us a taste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all people.
May we rise from your table as your people, loving and serving in the world, until your kingdom comes.

Amen

Please stand for our final hymn

- 1. O LORD my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made;
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed:**

**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

- 2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:**

- 3. And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die - I scarce can take it in:
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:**

- 4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home - what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God how great Thou art!**