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We forget your love, your wisdom, and the ways in which you have equipped us for the work of your Kingdom. Renew and inspire us again, teach us where our hearts and hands need to be, and help us to be your faithful disciples in all we do and say. Amen.**  Silent Prayers of Confession   Response   In the silence, Lord, hear our prayer.  In the stillness, Lord, hear our prayer. Our spoken words, our silent thoughts, these we humbly share. In this moment, Lord, hear our prayer.  Amen, Amen.   Words of Assurance (responsive) [Australian Prayer Book] Leader: God pardons those who humbly repent and truly believe the gospel. **People: Since Jesus died for us, we have peace with God, to whom be praise and honor for ever. Amen.**  The Peace Leader: The peace of Christ be with you! **People: And also with you!** (You may greet those around you)   The Proclamation of the Word   Prayer of Illumination   Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.  Scripture Lesson     John 15:1-8   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | ”I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. 2He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. 3You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. 4Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. 5I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. 6Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.  Sermon **Part of the Vineyard**   The Response to the Word   \* Hymn     Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ  GtG # 526   Communion of the People   Invitation to the Lord’s Table (Iona Community) Come to the table, all who seek something more, all who seek something different. Come with those who look like you, come with those who do not. Come and join the feast for all people, across the world, everywhere, who serve and love our living God.    Great Thanksgiving The Lord be with you     **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts.         **We lift them to the Lord** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.     **It is right to give our thanks and praise...**   It is right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, loving God, creator and sustainer of all life. You planted the first fields – wheat, barley, rice, and maize – and made us in your image to care for your creation. You fed your people in the wilderness with manna from heaven, leading them to a land of milk and honey. When human greed trampled the poor you spoke through the prophets, calling us to worship you with justice and peace. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent Jesus Christ, the living bread, to lift up the oppressed and lowly and fill the hungry with good things. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name;   In Praise of God We praise you, most holy God, for Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh. He taught us to share the abundance of your love, feeding the multitude, eating with sinners and strangers, offering his own body to save us, and pouring out his life for the world. When the risen Christ appeared to his disciples, he made himself known to them in the breaking of the bread. Even now he sets the table for us, inviting all to taste and see that you are good. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen.   In Praise of Jesus Christ. Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, and one with all who share this meal, a great multitude from every nation. Keep us faithful to Christ’s teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers, sharing our goods with one another, and giving our possessions to those who are in need, so that all people may have their daily bread, this and every day. Just as the grain, once scattered across the hills, was gathered together in this loaf of bread, gather your people from the ends of the earth, so that we may feast with you in glory in the joy of your new creation. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.   Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer  “For this I pray to God” / “For this I give thanks to God.” Congregational Response: “**Hear our prayer, O God.”**  And now, in confidence and in gratitude, we say the prayer together that Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, taught us to pray…  **Our Father,** **who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven and give us this day our daily bread** **and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.** **For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**   Words of Institution On the night before Jesus met with death, Jesus came to the table with those He loved. He took bread and praised You, God of all creation. He broke the bread among His disciples and said, “Take this, all of you, and it. This is my body, given for you.” In the same way, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to You, God of all creation. He passed the cup among His disciples and said, “Take this, all of you, and drink from it. This is the cup of the new covenant sealed in my blood for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.”   Sharing of the Meal Remembering all that you have done in Jesus Christ, we offer our lives to you with great thanksgiving as we share this feast of love and grace.   ***Prayer of Dedication*** **Dear God, take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the living bread** **and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of the earth, and citizens of the commonwealth of Heaven. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.** | | |   \* Hymn  For Everyone Born GtG # 769    Charge and Benediction Leader: Lead us from this place, People: Yet let us be tied together in unity. Leader: To be nourished by your Spirit People: Led to action as a community Leader: And spreading your love, People: For the love and service of your Kingdom. | | | | |