**February 25, 2024 – Second Sunday in Lent – Email/At Home Missal**

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**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25TH, 2024 –MARCH 3RD, 2024:**

**You will find the video for February 18th, 2024, at the following YouTube link:**

[**https://youtu.be/oJhLBKRTEbM**](https://youtu.be/oJhLBKRTEbM)

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**‘Praying the Catechism’ Zoom Link**

**Wed. Feb 25, 2024 07:00 PM**

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**Announcements:**

**Coming Events** *(save these dates)* ***bold print - events being held here at St. Peter’s***

1. **Feb. 28 Praying the Catechism** *(see below for further details)*
2. Feb. 29 Is Reconciliation Possible? *(see below for further details)*
3. Mar. 1 World Day of Prayer *(see below for further details)*
4. Mar. 1 Peace By Chocolate *(see below for further details)*
5. Mar. 9 White Owl Sugarbush Adventure *(see below for further details)*

**Mar. 17 Annual General Meeting** *(further details coming!)*

1. Mar. 23 Grebel and University of Waterloo March Break Open House *(see below for further details)*
2. **Mar. 31 Easter Breakfast** *(further details coming!)*
3. Apr. 5-7 Bishop’s spiritual Retreat for Lay Persons *(see below for further details)*

Apr. 16 Public Lecture– *(see below for further details)*

Aug. 11-23 Ontario Mennonite Music Camp *(see below for further details)*

**The Life of St. Peter’s for the week of February 25 – March 3, 2024**

1. Monday 6:00 pm TOPS - R.F.F. *(Art Room)*

Tuesday 7:00 pm Scouts - R.F.F. *(Scout Room, Art Room, Fellowship Hall)*

1. **Wednesday 10:30 am Weekly Bible Study *(Art Room)***
2. **7:00 pm Praying the Catechism *(via zoom)***
3. Thursday
4. Friday
5. Saturday **1:30 pm Choir Practice** *(Sanctuary)*

Sunday **10:00 am Worship Service** – A passage from **Mark 12:1-17** *(Parable of the wicked tenants;*

*paying taxes to Caesar)*

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**Pastoral Visit:** Pastor Laura is available for visits by appointment by calling the church office, 519-653-4721. Whether you have a particular pastoral concern or would just like some one-to-one time to get to know Pastor Laura, she would love to meet with you.

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1. **Prayer List:**  Bill, Don, Tammy, Alice, Don, Lynn, Helen, Sharon, Donald, Shirley, Clara, Jeff, Aaron, MacKenzie, Rhett, Jan Ken, Lee, Maria, Deborah, Fred, Anne, Sherri, Carol.

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## We need you to help feed our neighbourhood! The freedom Centre has joined with Cambridge Community Table to offer a meal to our community twice a month on Tuesday night. We need volunteers: Food Preparation, set up, take down, meet and Greet. Every hour you can give once or twice a month. Call for information 519-591-6518 or email [rosemary@freedomcentre.ca](mailto:rosemary@freedomcentre.ca).

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1. **Move with Robert (Free Exercise Class Mondays 1:00 – 2:00 pm,** YMCA Certified Fitness Instructor – Wear exercise shoes/bringwater/no registration required/ arrive by 12:45 pm – Trillium United Church, Cambridge)
2. **“Praying the Catechism”** – A season of intentional prayer for Lent & Easter - **Wednesdays at 7:00PM on Zoom** from **February 21 to May 15**. Join Pastor Laura on zoom each Wednesday for prayer, conversation and mutual support as we work our way through “Praying the Catechism” this Lenten and Easter seasons.

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1. ***Is Reconciliation Possible?*** Rev. Dr. Ray Aldred, Director of the Indigenous Studies program at Vancouver School of Theology is Grebel's 2024 Sawatsky Visiting Scholar. His free public lecture asks the question, "Is Reconciliation Possible?" and he will address sustaining efforts towards reconciliation when justice is so far away. **Thursday, February 29, at 7:30 PM, Great Hall**, at Conrad Grebel University College. [grebel.ca/sawatsky](http://grebel.ca/sawatsky).

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1. **World Day of Prayer** - **Friday, March 1, 2024** **at 2:00 pm**; **King Street Baptist Church** Cambridge; written by the women of Palestine. Everyone welcome!

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***Peace By Chocolate* – Film screening and post-film discussion | Friday, March 1, 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM**   
All are invited to attend a film screening of "Peace by Chocolate" hosted by University of Waterloo’s Peace and Conflict Studies students, at Conrad Grebel University College (Great Hall). The award-winning film focuses on the true story of Tareq Hadhad, a Syrian refugee, and his family’s experience as they adapt to life in Canada, while trying to rebuild the family chocolate business. Admission and snacks by donation, proceeds going towards local refugee organizations. [uwaterloo.ca/grebel/events/peace-chocolate-film-screening](https://uwaterloo.ca/grebel/events/peace-chocolate-film-screening)

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1. March 9, 2024 - 10 am to 12:00 noon. **White Owl Sugarbush Adventure** (featuring land-based learning with Indigenous Educator Dave Skene & Outdoor Educator Nathan Mantey. Join us at White Owll Sugarbush, 1388 Stauffer Dr. Kitchener. Bundle up & learn on the land. Free. All ages welcome. Families encouraged. Sign-up via Eventbrite or email [admin@featherandcross.org](mailto:admin@featherandcross.org)

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1. **Grebel and University of Waterloo March Break Open House | Saturday, March 23, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM.** Planning to study at the University of Waterloo? Tour the university and see what it would be like to live on campus in a small, Christian residence at Conrad Grebel University College while studying at Waterloo. Meet current students, learn about academic programs, and explore the residence. Free parking. All are welcome. Visit [grebel.ca/events](http://grebel.ca/events) for more information.

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1. **April 16, 2024 Public Lecture – The Gospel of Peace** (John Dear – Priest/Peace Activist/Author; Nonviolence in the tradition of Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr. – No Charge (donations welcome); copies of ‘The Gospel of Peace’ will be available $25 (cash). All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church, 210 Silvercreek Parkway N. Guelph.

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1. **Ontario Mennonite Music Camp** is a place where youth in grade 6-12 develop and enrich relationships, faith, musicality, and leadership in a fun and supportive summer camp environment. Hosted at Conrad Grebel University College in Waterloo, **August 11 to 23, 2024.** Register by April 12 for early-bird camp fees. [uwaterloo.ca/grebel/ommc](https://uwaterloo.ca/grebel/ommc)
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**Presiding Pastor: Laura Sauder**

**Organist & Director of Music: Bradley Moggach**

**Assisting Minister: Helga Morrison**

**Reader: Helga Morrison**

**Welcome remarks**

**Call to Worship**

P: Come to the Teacher who can help you see

***C: We come looking for mercy we don’t even know how to name***

P: Come to the Teacher who calls you to his way of life

***C: We come seeking God’s kingdom in this place***

P: Come to the Teacher whose greatness is in service

***C: We come to learn grace and gratitude***

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**Gathering Hymn: ACS # 1084 ‘God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me’ *(O Christ, Surround Me)***

1 God, be the love to search and keep me;

God, be the prayer to move my voice;

God, be the strength to now uphold me:

***Refrain***

***O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.***

2 Bind to myself the name of Holy,

great cloud of witnesses enfold;

prophets, apostles, angels witness: ***Refrain***

3 Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight,

flashing of lightning, strength of wind,

depth of the sea to soil of planet: ***Refrain***

4 Walking behind to hem my journey,

going ahead to light my way,

and from beneath, above, and all ways: ***Refrain***

5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me,

Christ in the ears that hear my voice,

Christ in the hearts of all who know me: ***Refrain***

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**Greeting**:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

***C: And also with you.***

**Prayer of Confession**

P: Gracious God, you invite us to come to you

and to ask you whatever is on our hearts.

***C: We confess that often what’s on our hearts and minds does not reflect well on us.***

***We are often preoccupied with our own status, or with getting others to do what we want,***

***or worse, how we can convince you to do what we want.***

P: Forgive us when we have missed the point of your teaching.

Forgive us when we have judged others for asking the same things we ask,

but in the wrong way.

Forgive us when we have so focused on our desired outcome

that we are unwilling to commit ourselves if it can’t be guaranteed.

Have mercy on us,

and guide us once again to follow your way.

We ask in Jesus’ name.

***C: Amen.***

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**Kyrie: ELW # 151 *(Greek)***

1 Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

2 Christe eleison. Christe eleison.

Christe eleison. Christe eleison.

3 Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

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**Prayer of the Day:**

We want to be good, O God…

maybe even the best.

We pray today that you would orient us to mercy,

that we may recognize our own need

and that of our neighbor,

and so find in community

the healing and hope at the heart of our longing.

Amen.

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**Lenten Acclamation: ACS Setting 12 *(sung)***

Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God.

Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God.\*

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**Reader**:

The Holy Gospel according to **Mark, the 10th chapter.**

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*May we be equipped by these words to walk in love for God, ourselves, our neighbours, all people, and all God’s creation.*

Jesus and his disciples were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, with Jesus in the lead. The disciples were amazed while the others following behind were afraid. Taking the Twelve aside again, he told them what was about to happen to him. “Look!” he said. “We’re going up to Jerusalem. The Human One will be handed over to the chief priests and the legal experts. They will condemn him to death and hand him over to the Gentiles. They will ridicule him, spit on him, torture him, and kill him. After three days, he will rise up.”

James and John, Zebedee’s sons, came to Jesus and said, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask.”

“What do you want me to do for you?” he asked.

They said, “Allow one of us to sit on your right and the other on your left when you enter your glory.”

Jesus replied, “You don’t know what you’re asking! Can you drink the cup I drink or receive the baptism I receive?”

“We can,” they answered.

Jesus said, “You will drink the cup I drink and receive the baptism I receive, but to sit at my right or left hand isn’t mine to give. It belongs to those for whom it has been prepared.”

Now when the other ten disciples heard about this, they became angry with James and John. Jesus called them over and said, “You know that the ones who are considered the rulers by the Gentiles show off their authority over them and their high-ranking officials order them around. But that’s not the way it will be with you. Whoever wants to be great among you will be your servant. Whoever wants to be first among you will be the slave of all, for the Human One didn’t come to be served but rather to serve and to give his life to liberate many people.”

Jesus and his followers came into Jericho. As Jesus was leaving Jericho, together with his disciples and a sizable crowd, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus, Timaeus’ son, was sitting beside the road. When he heard that Jesus of Nazareth was there, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, show me mercy!” Many scolded him, telling him to be quiet, but he shouted even louder, “Son of David, show me mercy!”

Jesus stopped and said, “Call him forward.”

They called the blind man, “Be encouraged! Get up! He’s calling you.”

Throwing his coat to the side, he jumped up and came to Jesus.

Jesus asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?”

The blind man said, “Teacher, I want to see.”

Jesus said, “Go, your faith has healed you.” At once he was able to see, and he began to follow Jesus on the way. (CEB)

The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.\***

**Engaging with the Story**

**Mark 10:32-52 – Seeing Rightly**

I was ten years old when the Disney movie Aladdin came out. Central to the plot of this movie is a genie who grants Aladdin three wishes – something that led to many conversations with friends about what we would wish for if we were so lucky to find a magic lamp.

We would debate over whether it’s better to ask for practical things or frivolous things. Whether we would we ask for things for ourselves or to help others. Usually between the three wishes we’d end up with some combination of things that we wanted (like unlimited candy or toys) and things that would be good for others (like world peace).

As adults we likely no longer fantasize about finding a magical lamp. Instead, we dream about more realistic things like winning the lottery. Even if we don’t buy lottery tickets! We still daydream from time to time what we might do if we suddenly got an unexpected windfall of cash: what we could buy for ourselves, what we could do for our loved ones, how much we might give away to charity.

I can’t help but feel like the disciples doing the same kind of dreaming and scheming when they ask Jesus to do whatever they ask of him. And we need to just pause here for a moment to remember the context in which this request arises.

Jesus has just finished telling his disciples not for the first time, or the second time, but for the third time what will happen to him when they reach Jerusalem.

Jesus has told them repeatedly that it will not be a pretty scene – that he will be arrested and mocked and ridiculed and THAT HE WILL DIE. And within minutes, all they’re worrying about is what Jesus will do for them. “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask.”

Jesus plays along at first, asking them: well, what do you want me to do for you?

Coming from a man who can perform miracles and healings the disciples probably think they’ve finally hit the jackpot and they’re ready with their big ask: “Allow one of us to sit on your right and the other on your left when you enter your glory.”

Have they been listening to any of what Jesus has said? They ask for status and privilege; the exact thing that Jesus has been telling them isn’t important; the one thing that doesn’t matter in God’s kingdom. It’s clear the disciples have completely missed the point, again.

But they continue on their way to Jerusalem, and as they do, another conversation unfolds – this time between Jesus and a blind man named Bartimaeus. And it’s interesting to notice the parallels between these two conversations.

Like James and John, Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus with a request. But the quality of his request couldn’t be more different. Instead of a pointed question, Bartimaeus cries out: “Jesus, Son of David, show me mercy!” **Show me mercy.** The people around him try to shut him up, but Bartimaeus uses the voice God gave him and cries out again even louder. **Show me mercy.** Hearing his cries, Jesus stops.

Notice that Jesus responds to Bartimaeus with the same response he gave to James and John: what do you want me to do for you? It’s the same question, but the answers couldn’t be more different.

Where the disciples ask for status and privilege, Bartimaeus asks for sight. He wants to be able to see. And the ironic thing, of course, is that Bartimaeus already sees Jesus more clearly than the disciples do.

He may physically not be able to see, but Bartimaeus rightly recognizes Jesus as a granter of mercy, not of privilege. Bartimaeus rightly recognizes his own need for mercy. And when Jesus gives him his sight, Bartimaeus also understands rightly, the place of a disciple, as he falls in line to follow Jesus.

Bartimaeus is the one in this story who sees Jesus rightly. Jesus doesn’t care about status and privilege. In fact, he cares about the opposite of status and privilege. For Jesus, instead of building himself up, the better way is to serve and to give one’s life away.

If we want to consider what this might mean for a congregation, we might say Jesus doesn’t care if we’re big and influential and successful. Jesus only cares that we’re faithful to his way.

I wonder if this story might also be an invitation to reflect on one of the questions that came up at our congregational workshop in December: whose voices are we not listening to? What voices from outside our community – or from the margins of this community – might better lead us in following Jesus’ way?

When Jesus asks us, “what do you want me to do for you?” What will be our response?

Do we want Jesus to be like a genie who will grant us our wishes? Do we already have our own ideas of how we think Jesus should bless us in our personal lives? How Jesus should bless us as a congregation?

Or, like Bartimaeus, can we simply we open to receiving Jesus as the giver of mercy, recognizing the truth that we don’t even know the particular mercy we need. Can we receive Jesus as the Teacher who will help us see the way forward more clearly as we place our trust in him? As we let go of our self-serving desires, opening our hearts to receive the mercy that is already ours.

Through the season of Lent, these readings from Mark teach us about what it means to be disciples; what it means to follow Jesus. And it’s not an easy road. In fact, taking Jesus at his word, following in his way will mean struggle and vulnerability and sacrifice.

But following Jesus also means we have someone on our side. Someone who walks with us; who gives us strength and peace and wisdom to face life’s challenges. Who offers us the mercy we need when we get in our own way.

As we journey through this season of Lent, with our gaze toward Holy Week, may we, like Bartimaeus, learn to see Jesus and ourselves more clearly. May we continue to learn each day from our Teacher, what it means to follow in HIS way of self-giving love. And may our hearts be opened to receive the mercy we need, not the wishes we desire. AMEN

**Hymn of the Day: ACS # 925 ‘Beautiful Things’**

1

All this pain

I wonder if I'll ever find my way

I wonder if my life could really change

At all

***Chorus***

***You make beautiful things***

***You make beautiful things out of the dust***

***You make beautiful things***

***You make beautiful things out of us***

2

All this earth

Could all that is lost ever be found

Could a garden come up from this ground

At all

***Chorus***

***You make beautiful things***

***You make beautiful things out of the dust***

***You make beautiful things***

***You make beautiful things out of us***

3

All around

Hope is springing up from this old ground

Out of chaos life is being found

In You

***Chorus***

***You make beautiful things***

***You make beautiful things out of the dust***

***You make beautiful things***

***You make beautiful things out of us***

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**Prayers of Intercession:**

Together we join our prayers for the sake of God’s world…

Gracious God, you walk before us and beside us on the road of life, leading into the unknown future and inviting us to trust you on the way. You have shown us the truth of who you are and told us the story of love over and over. We thank you for your perseverance with us. Hear us, O God. ***C: Your mercy is great.***

We pray today for those people who cannot see love and grace and who instead feel the need to humiliate or degrade others in order to lift themselves up. We pray for those who think more highly of themselves than of others. Give them clarity of mind and heart, to recognise your image in every face, to learn service as the mark of greatness, and to seek peace and pursue it. Hear us, O God. ***C: Your mercy is great.***

We pray today for those people who have limited options in life. Whose bodies or minds work in ways that fall outside what we call normal. Who find themselves at the mercy of neighbors who don’t have their best interests at heart. Give them courage and boldness and hope, and surround them with a community that cares and seeks the good of all, not only some. Hear us, O God. ***C: Your mercy is great.***

We pray today for those people who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit. Those who have prayed and prayed and don’t feel they have anything left to say. Those whose pain or illness is keeping them from fullness of life. We pray especially for those on our prayer list and those we name before you now aloud or silently in our hearts… Give them a tangible sense of your healing spirit, comfort and relief from their hurt, and the care of others who work as your healing hands in this world. Hear us, O God. ***C: Your mercy is great.***

And we pray today for ourselves. For hearts in the right place and priorities in the right order. For the clarity that changes our worldview from empire to kingdom. For the willingness to put into practice all we learn from you, our Teacher and our Lord. Hear us, O God. ***C: Your mercy is great.***

We ask these and all things in the name of the One whose teaching is healing,

whose desire is for our flourishing,

whose way is life. Amen.

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**Share the peace of Christ:**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

***C: And also with you.***

**Offering**

**Offering Hymn: ELW # 685 ‘Take My Life, That I May Be’ *(verses 1 – 3)***

1 Take my life, that I may be

consecrated, Lord, to thee;

take my moments and my days;

let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands and let them move

at the impulse of thy love;

take my feet and let them be

swift and beautiful for thee.

3 Take my voice and let me sing

always, only, for my King;

take my lips and let them be

filled with messages from thee.

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**Offering Prayer:**

Jesus, you are the bread of life

and the host of this meal.

Bless these gifts that we have gathered

that all people may know your goodness.

Feed us not only with this holy food

but with hunger for justice and peace.

We pray this in your name. Amen.\*

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**You are invited to prepare your table with bread and wine, or crackers and juice, whatever is available to you, so that you may participate in the meal.**

**Meal: Click here for the communion liturgy from worship on YouTube:**

[**https://youtu.be/kmZJQiBM8QY**](https://youtu.be/kmZJQiBM8QY)

**Great Thanksgiving: ACS Setting 12: ‘Dialogue…’ (page 36) (spoken)**

The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise**

**ACS Setting 12: ‘Preface…’ *(Lent) (spoken)***

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,

through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts

and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,

that, renewed in the gift of baptism,

we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**ELW Setting 12: ‘Holy, Holy, Holy…’ *(page 36 )***

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of pow’r and God of might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**\*

**Thanksgiving at the Table:**

On the night before he showed us the full extent of his love,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**The Lord’s Prayer:**

Our Father in heaven,

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.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. **Amen.**

**Invitation to Communion:**

This is Christ’s table where all are fed and none go hungry. Come, taste, and see that the Lord is good.

I invite those at home, and those in the building communing by fellowship cup, to take your bread or cracker as we say together, “The body of Christ, given for us.”

And, as we take our cup we say, “The blood of Christ, shed for us.”

**Communion Music: ELW # 471 ‘Let Us Break Bread Together’ *&***

**ELW # 708 ‘Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love’**

**ELW # 471 ‘Let Us Break Bread Together ‘**

Let us break bread together on our knees;

let us drink wine together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees,

with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

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**ELW # 708 ‘Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love’**

***Refrain***

***Jesu, Jesu,***

***fill us with your love,***

***show us how to serve***

***the neighbors we have from you****.*

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,

silently washes their feet,

master who acts as a slave to them. ***Refrain***

2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor,

varied in color and race,

neighbors are near us and far away. ***Refrain***

3 These are the ones we will serve,

these are the ones we will love;

all these are neighbors to us and you. ***Refrain***

4 Kneel at the feet of our friends,

silently washing their feet:

this is the way we will live with you. ***Refrain***

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P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you, in his grace.

***C: Amen.***

**Prayer after Communion:**

Generous God,

at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.

As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,

now make us one loaf to feed the world;

in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

Amen.\*

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**Blessing:**

Having encountered the healing of the Teacher,

go to follow his way with gratitude, with faith,

and with the blessing of the Triune + God.

Amen.

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**Sending Hymn: ELW # 810 ‘O Jesus, I have Promised’**

1 O Jesus, I have promised

to serve you to the end;

remain forever near me,

my master and my friend.

I shall not fear the battle

if you are by my side,

nor wander from the pathway

if you will be my guide.

2 Oh, let me feel you near me;

the world is ever near.

I see the sights that dazzle,

the tempting sounds I hear.

My foes are ever near me,

around me and within;

but, Jesus, then draw nearer

to shield my soul from sin.

3 Oh, let me hear you speaking

in accents clear and still

above the storms of passion,

the murmurs of self-will.

Now speak to reassure me,

to hasten or control;

now speak and make me listen,

O Guardian of my soul.

4 O Jesus, you have promised

to all who follow you

that where you are in glory

your servant shall be too.

And Jesus, I have promised

to serve you to the end;

oh, give me grace to follow,

my master and my friend.

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**Dismissal:**

A: Go in peace, with grace and gratitude, to love and serve God and your neighbours.

***C: Thanks be to God.\****

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