

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Holy Communion is shared.

A time of SILENCE - for reflection



Final Prayer from the Methodist Covenant Service

Eternal God, in your faithful and enduring love you call us to share in your gracious covenant in Jesus Christ. In obedience we hear and accept your commands; in love we seek to do your perfect will; with joy we offer ourselves anew to you. We are no longer our own but yours.

**I am no longer my own, but yours.
Your will, not mine, be done in all things,
wherever you may place me,
in all that I do and in all that I endure;
when there is work for me and
when there is none; when I am troubled
and when I am at peace.**

**Your will be done when I am valued;
and when I am disregarded;
when I find fulfilment and when it is lacking;
when I have all things and
when I have nothing.**

**I willingly offer all that I have and am
to serve you where you choose.**

**Glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
you are mine and I am yours.
May it be so for ever.**

**Let this covenant now made on earth,
be fulfilled in heaven. Amen.**



Blessing

May the Holy Spirit who gives gifts to all people, flood your hearts with thanksgiving to God. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Final Hymn

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

**THE EUCHARIST
in THANKSGIVING for a
GIVING IN GRACE PROGRAMME**

The prayers and responses in **bold type** are said **altogether.**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

John 3:16

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

Coming together as God's family, with confidence let us ask the Father's forgiveness for our failure to respond fully to his grace, for he is full of gentleness and compassion.

A time of SILENCE - for reflection

Father, you call us to be your children;
we enjoy your love but forget our responsibilities.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, you invite us to your banquet;
so often we make excuses.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, your grace enables us to give ourselves to Jesus; but so often other things get in the way of your call.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

A Gloria song

Collect

Almighty God our heavenly Father,
you are bountiful in your love for us;
you shower us generously with all that we need;
you give us forgiveness and eternal life in Jesus.
By your grace
give us generous hearts
that we may declare your goodness
and offer our lives back to you in thankful worship.
for the sake of him who came among us as
your gift of love, the same
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading Deuteronomy 26:1-11

God tells us to remember where we've come from, who we are and all that we've received from life – and be thankful and rejoice!

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn



Gospel Reading John 6:27-35
A reading from the Gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord;
Praise to you, O Christ.



Sermon

The Litany of Christian Giving

Hear the Word of God:

'I will not offer gifts to the Lord my God which cost me nothing.'

Lord, may our giving be sacrificial and worthy of you.

'The people still kept bringing freewill offerings so that all the able men who were doing every sort of task on the sanctuary came and said to Moses: 'The people bring much more than enough for doing the work which the Lord has commanded us to do.' So the people were restrained from bringing....'

Lord, may our giving be generous and overflowing so that the work of your church may not be hindered.

'What shall I render to the Lord for all his bounty to me? I will pay my vows to the Lord.'

Lord, may we honour the promises we make to you at every stage of our life, now and in the future.

'Bring the full tithes into the storehouse and thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down an overflowing blessing.'

Lord, may we not defraud you of your dues lest we miss out on the blessing you want to shower upon us all.

'They gave according to their means, and beyond their means, of their own free will, begging us earnestly for the favour of taking part in the relief of the saints.'

Lord, may we be honest and realistic before you in our giving.

'Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.'

Lord, may we give to you freely and cheerfully and unstintingly.

'You will be enriched in every way for great generosity.....'

Lord, may we be generous in our giving for you are so generous to us.

'On the first day of every week each of you is to put something aside and store it up....'

Lord, may we be disciplined and businesslike in our giving.

'Under the test of this service you will glorify God by your obedience in acknowledging the Gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your contribution.'

Lord, may we be obedient to your Word in this aspect of its teaching.

'Give and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together running over, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back...'

Lord, may we be grateful for your amazing generosity to us and for your promises to us.

'First they gave themselves to the Lord....'

Lord, may we give you our whole lives as a worthy offering out of gratitude for all your goodness to us.

The Peace

An appropriate introduction is read.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

A Hymn may be sung and offerings received.

Consider all that God has done for you, especially as you see this in Jesus. 'Count your blessings' and respond with appropriate generosity from your material wealth.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 thanks and praise.

Father, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and *saying*:

**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.**

The Eucharistic Prayer continues and we recall the words and actions of Jesus.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**



We continue to be united in prayer at the Lord's Table.