



# COMMUNION SERVICE

**15 NOVEMBER, 11.15AM  
ON ZOOM**

Join us again for a communion service on zoom or at home. If you have any pastoral needs or if you want to talk through the service, please feel free to contact me either by email or phone: [claire.dawe@manninghamuc.org](mailto:claire.dawe@manninghamuc.org) 0410 827 597.

Not everyone will feel they want to take part in this communion service – that is perfectly valid and no-one will be judged for either decision. This service is intended to follow your participation of the service on 15 November online. However, if you are at home without access to the online service, please prepare by reading Isaiah 6:1-8.

## WHAT WILL I NEED?

At this time of COVID-19, what is important is how you approach this service of communion, not the elements you bring with you. If you are able and it is safe to do so, plan ahead so you have bread and juice prepared and ready. If you are not able or if it is not safe for you, please gather something you feel is appropriate to use – a cracker and water are perfectly acceptable to God. These are symbols and are intended to bring comfort to you and to offer respect to God.

## THE COMMUNION LITURGY

Friends, we gather before God, in the presence of the Holy Spirit, and despite being physically distanced, to join together for a service of communion.

We may not yet be able to meet in the church building, but we will be the church in our own homes, together in spirit and fellowship.

From our reading this morning, here this word of Scripture:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.’

The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**All: We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise**

Holy God,  
when the time was right,  
you sent Jesus to be among us.

Born into this life,  
seeing your grace revealed in all things,  
he laughed with those who laughed,  
and mourned with those who mourned.

Through your love, he healed the sick,  
he welcomed the outcast,  
he challenged those in power,  
and the structures that kept them there.

And he called us back to your love.

In the power of the Holy Spirit,  
Jesus laughs and cries,  
heals and welcomes,  
challenges and loves,  
again and again and again.

Friends, turn your attention now to the elements  
you have prepared and rehear our sacred story  
anew.

We have been told that,  
on the night before he was taken  
to be killed on a cross,  
Jesus sat with his disciples,  
and ate with them, in a meal.  
Jesus took a loaf of bread,  
asked your blessing upon it, broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples saying:

“Take this – all of you – and eat it.  
Each time you eat it, remember me.”

Close to the meal’s end,  
he took a cup filled with wine,  
asked your blessing upon it,  
and gave it to his disciples saying:

Take this – all of you – and drink it.  
This is me. This is my promise for you and for the  
world.”

Each time you drink it, remember me.  
So we, his disciples,  
eat bread and drink wine – and remember.

Gracious God, send us your Spirit to guide our  
thoughts and actions.  
Help us to sit with mystery,  
with what doesn’t yet make any sense at all.  
Help us to endure all that must be endured.  
May your Spirit hover over these elements today,  
helping us to remember that we will one day share  
in communion whilst physically gathered together.  
Amen

Friends, these are the gifts of God for the people of  
God.

Eat, drink and be fed.

*(if participating on zoom, please hold aloft your  
elements so that we can all participate together as  
one community)*

*Eat and drink the elements you have prepared*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God of transformation,  
Be with us as we reflect on what we have  
experienced here.  
Be with us as we struggle with the Good News you  
want us to share.  
Friends, God makes us whole,  
today, tomorrow and every day.  
May this service of communion bring you a sense of  
peace,  
a peace that only comes from God.  
Amen

## **BLESSING**

Go out into the world in the power of the Spirit;  
in all things, at all times,  
remember that Christ is with you;  
make your life your worship  
to the praise and glory of God.  
Amen