

Communion - 2nd May 2021

May 2, 2021

Gathering

Just as Jesus and his disciples gathered in the Upper Room, so too do we meet today.
Our circumstances are different, with many divided by distance, joined by technology and the Holy Spirit,
United in our aim to eat and drink in remembrance of Jesus.

We remember Jesus as the humble king and the servant saviour,
Whose last hours were spent with those who would betray him, deny him and abandon him.

Taking up the towel and bowl, Jesus showed what humble service looked like;
Taking up the bread and wine, Jesus showed what gracious mercy looked like.
We are all in need of humility, to be able to receive it as well as to give it.
We are all in need of grace, to be able to receive it as well as to give it.

In a moment of silence, we offer to God our weaknesses in humility:
Where we are unable to offer it, and where we are unable to receive it.
Pause

In a moment of silence, we offer to God our weaknesses in grace:
Where we are unable to offer it, and where we are unable to receive it.
Pause

In our weakness, we encounter God's strength;
We meet Jesus as he wipes away the stains from our feet and as he shares this meal with us.
We are thankful that Jesus doesn't ask of us something that he isn't willing to do himself,
As we are challenged by his humility and his grace.
As we follow him to the cross and beyond.

Before we eat and drink, we pray:

*Gracious God,
We give you thanks for Jesus and his example for us,
How he who was one with you at the beginning of it all
Takes time to wash feet and share in a meal.
We are once again awestruck by the intimacy of the moment,
Where heaven touches earth
And all are welcomed at your table
With dirty feet and hungry bellies.
Amen.*

Sharing

So as we remember Christ and his humility, we eat and drink in acceptance of his grace.
Pause to eat. Pause to drink.

Sending

We pray:

*Loving God,
We came to you today in need of a wash and a lesson,
And once again you have given us all we need and more.
In bread and wine, we have encountered your Son afresh,
At our tables, in our places, we receive your Spirit anew.
Fill us with your grace and humility,
Cleaning our feet and filling our bellies;
Give us your heart to seek out the dirty and hungry,
To serve and be served,
To know our own weaknesses and how you can overcome them all,
Just as you overcame the cross and the tomb by your love.
Amen.*