

Welcome

Reader 1:

Come in, come in, you are welcome,
make yourselves at home,
greet your neighbours and your friends,
only don't take off your coats or your shoes

Reader 2:

Come in, come in, you are welcome,
make yourselves at home,
greet your neighbours and your friends,
only we might need to eat quite quickly

Reader 3:

Come in, come in, you are welcome,
make yourselves at home,
greet your neighbours and your friends,
only we might need to leave before we finish

Hymn: *Here in this place / Gather us in*

Here in this place new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away,
see in this space our fears and our dreaming,
brought here to you in the light of this day.

*Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame:
call us to now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of your name.*

Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt of the earth.

*Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away, but
here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.

*Gather us in and hold us for ever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather is in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

Reader 1:

for tonight we remember the story of Passover
where home was not a place of safety
where the people lived in fear and were not free

Reader 2:

for tonight we remember the story of Passover
where home was not a place of safety, where at
any moment you might have to up and flee

Reader 3:

for tonight we remember the story of Passover
where home was not a place of safety,
quick, grab what you can carry and go

Scripture Reading

Exodus, Chapter 12, verses 1-4 and 11-14

Brief reflection on the Exodus reading

Reader 1:

and as we remember, we pray for those today
who have to grab what they can and go,
for those fleeing war and violence
only to arrive at closed borders

Reader 2:

and as we remember, we pray for those today
who have to grab what they can and go,
for those making treacherous journeys carrying
children and their possessions in a few bags

Reader 3:

and as we remember, we pray for those today
who have to grab what they can and go,
for those who are out in the cold,
making their home in a city of tents

Scripture Reading

Psalms 116, verses 1-4 and 12-19

Brief reflection on the Psalm

Hymn: *For everyone born, a place at the table*

For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead.

*And God will delight
when we are creators of justice and joy,
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!*

For just and unjust a place at the table,
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mind-set of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live.

And God will delight...

For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free.

And God will delight...

Scripture Reading

1st Corinthians, Chapter 11, verses 23-26

Brief reflection on the 1st Corinthians 11

Reader 1:

And so we too are gathered.
On this evening in Holy Week, we have
looked back to Passover and remembered
those who have to grab everything and go

Reader 2:

And now we meet as a new kind of community;
a community where all are welcome
and all have a place to live in safety;
where all can gather round the one table

Reader 3:

We remember the train of events that led Jesus
through Gethsemane to the cross outside the
city walls, the price he pays for daring
to live God's vision of shalom,
of healing and peace here on earth

Breaking bread and pouring wine

For this is my body broken for you.
For this is my blood poured out for you.
Do this in memory of me

Sharing bread and wine

Reader 1:

We have shared the bread of life
and the wine of the new kingdom,
a new kind of community in Christ

Reader 2:

A community where all are welcome
and all have a place to live in safety,
where all can gather round the one table

Reader 3:

As we are gathered here round this table,
in this place of warmth and shelter, we offer our
prayers for each other and for our world

Name situations and places you wish to pray for.

Hymn: *Make me a channel of your peace*

Make me a channel of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

*Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace,
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

*Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive;
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Reader 1:

May the blessing of the God who calls the people
out of Egypt call us out of our comfort and safety
to embrace a journey of challenge and risk

Reader 2:

May the blessing of the Son
who kneels and washes our feet call us out
from our comfort and safety to embrace and
serve those we meet on the journey

Reader 3:

May the blessing of the Spirit who weaves
dreams of a new community call us out from
our comfort and safety to provide welcome and
hospitality to strangers as well as friends.

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An Evening Service of Holy Communion

“Pax intransitibus, salus exeuntibus”

“On entering, peace – on departure, blessing”
(Pauluskirche Bochum – Porch Inscription 1655)