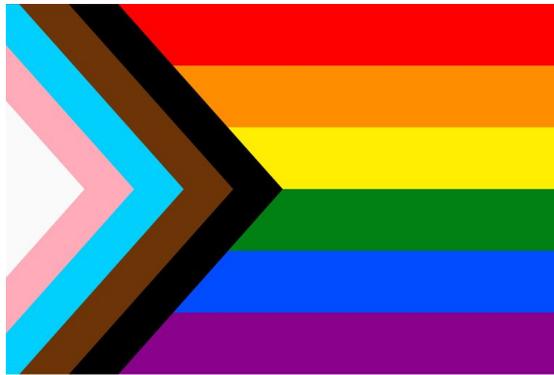




Sharing the Feast of Life in the Rainbow Season

Starting with
**Leeds Pride Sunday 2021:
LGBTQ+ Liberation Sunday**

*Please have ready: a candle, a Bible, bread and wine/juice, and some **RAINBOWS!***



We all light a candle

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people
and kindle in us the fire of your love.

*Take, O take me as I am:
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.*

In the name of the Creator who made us,
we celebrate the goodness of our lives.

In the name of Christ who came to set us free,
we rejoice in our diversity of love and life.

In the name of the Spirit who sustains us,
we challenge ourselves to grow and to dream.

God, in your presence we gather:
be among us now.



*Glory to God, glory to God, glory to our Maker.
To God be glory for ever.
Alleluia, Amen.*

*Glory to God, glory to God, glory to our Saviour.
To Christ be glory for ever.
Alleluia, Amen.*

*Glory to God, glory to God, glory Holy Spirit.
Give us your freedom for ever.
Alleluia, Amen.
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Readings and reflection

**THERE IS NEITHER JEW NOR GENTILE,
NEITHER SLAVE NOR FREE,
NOR IS THERE MALE AND FEMALE,
FOR YOU ARE ALL ONE IN CHRIST JESUS.**

GALATIANS 3:28

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus,

God's Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to live with respect in creation,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us, we are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prayers

*Please write prayer requests into the comments
(remembering that this is a public space)*

The Peace

*Jesus, one with God,
come and live among us.*

*Jesus, bearer of our pain,
touch and heal us.*

*Jesus, redeemer of the world,
give us your peace.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of all life, you created the universe
where all living things reflect your glory.

You give us this diverse and beautiful earth
to discover and explore and cherish.

You give us friends, families and strangers,
you give us happy times and things to celebrate.

And you give us your love,
in times of both joy and sadness.

Your son Jesus knew hurt and pain;
through him you wipe away our tears
and fill us with your peace.

You offer us a taste of your kingdom,
a feast for all your children.

You made us all, each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels and sing your praise:

Holy, holy, holy,

my heart, my heart adores you!

My heart is glad to say the words:

you are holy, Lord.

Holy God, in the breaking of bread

Jesus shows himself among us.

Eating with his disciples,

he took bread and gave you thanks;

he broke it and said,

‘This is my body, which is given for you.

Do this to remember me.’

After supper he took the cup of wine and said,
'This is my blood, which I pour out for you:
the new covenant in God's love.

Do this to remember me.'

Spirit of God, come afresh on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine

that they may make us one body in Christ.

Open our eyes

that we may recognise you walking with us;

Open our ears and our minds

that we may hear your word;

Open our hearts

that your love may flow through us

and bring the blessing of new life to all we meet;

For you are the God who makes all things new,
and surprises us into understanding.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

O God in heaven,

Mother and Father of us all

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.**

This bread we break
is a sharing in the body of Christ.
Though physically distanced,
we stay spiritually connected:

**We who are many are one body,
for we all share the one bread.**

The Communion

*Please share some bread and juice/wine
at home*

*Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to him and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in him and you will not thirst.*

Prayer after Communion

Beautiful God
who creates all that is,
you shape your church into a thing of beauty:

All your colours are here among us:

passionate red flaming anger

vibrant orange dancing sunshine

deep golden yellow, rich and full

young, fresh and green

sad and blue, cool and distant

moody indigo, dark as the night

shy violet, quiet violet, forgotten violet.

God who puts colours into the rainbow,
paint with us, weave with us, plant with us:
**many colours, many hues,
one rainbow church and world.**

Blessing

May the God who dances in creation,
who embraces us with human love,
who shakes our lives like thunder,
bless us and drive us out with power
to fill the world with her longing for justice.

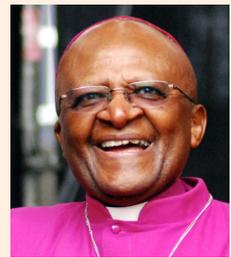
Amen.

*Mayenziwe 'ntando yakho:
Your will be done on earth, O Lord.*

“At home in South Africa I have some-
times said in big meetings where you
have black and white together: ‘Raise
your hands!’ Then I’ve said, ‘Move your
hands,’ and I’ve said, ‘Look at your hands
– different colours representing different people.

You are the rainbow people of God.’

“And you remember the rainbow in the Bible is the
sign of peace. The rainbow is the sign of prosperity.
We want peace, prosperity and justice and we can
have it when all the people of God, the rainbow
people of God, work together.”



Archbishop Desmond Tutu