



# Sharing the Feast of Life in the Kingdom Season

*Starting with*  
**All Hallows Sunday**

*Please have ready: a candle, a Bible, bread and wine/juice.*



*We all light a candle.*

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

Among the poor, the proud,  
the persecuted and the privileged,  
**Christ our King is making all things new.**

In homes and refuges,  
in streets and workplaces,  
**Christ our King is making all things new.**

With gentle touch and angry word,  
with piercing sight and burning love,  
**Christ our King is making all things new.**

In this place and in every place,  
now and evermore,  
**Christ our King is making all things new.**

*The Kingdom of God is justice and peace  
and joy in the Holy Spirit:*

*come, Lord, and open in us  
the gates of your kingdom.*

## Reconciliation

We have wounded your love:

**O God, forgive and heal us.**

We stumble in the darkness:

**Light of the world, transfigure us.**

We forget that we are your home:

**Spirit of God, dwell in us.**

*Lord, have mercy on us:*

*Hear us as we pray;*

*Lord, have mercy on us:*

*Take all sin away.*

*Christ, have mercy on us,*

*Hear our heartfelt plea;*

*Christ, have mercy on us,*

*Set our spirits free.*

*[Repeat first verse]*

Sisters and brothers, hear the word of the Lord:

we are forgiven; Christ sets us free –

let us journey on with hope.

**Let us forgive and love ourselves:**

**Let us forgive and love others.**

**In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## Praise

*Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

*Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the Highest!  
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!*

For all the saints who have gone before us,  
who have spoken to our hearts  
and touched us with your fire,  
**we praise you, O God.**

For all the saints who live beside us,  
whose weaknesses and strengths  
are woven with our own,  
**we praise you, O God.**

For all the saints who live beyond us,  
who challenge us to change the world with them,  
**we praise you, O God.**

## Readings and reflection

*Alleluia! Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.  
Alleluia! Open our hearts to your word.*

**Nothing can ever separate us  
from God's love.  
Neither death nor life,  
neither angels nor demons,  
neither fears for today  
nor worries about tomorrow.  
No power in the sky above  
or in the earth below –  
nothing in all creation can separate us  
from the love of God  
revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Romans 8.38–39

## Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and to make new,  
who works in us and in others by the Spirit.  
We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the church:  
to embody God's kingdom,  
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 and 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

*The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:  
in God I trust, in God I trust.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of all life, you made us in your image  
to share your grace and join your age-old story:  
Through the children of Leah and Rachel,  
of Esther and Hannah and Mary,

you promise that one day  
no face will be forgotten,  
no body enslaved,  
no spirit broken:  
that all are invited into the covenant of life.

You sent your son in solidarity with us,  
healing our sickness and confronting our demons;  
he bore the cross and rose again  
to disclose our true humanity.

So with all your saints, of all times and places,  
with those who have known you by different names,  
we sing the glorious hope of God's children:

*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.**

*Jesus, Lamb of God:*

*have mercy on us.*

*Jesus, bearer of our sins:*

*have mercy on us.*

*Jesus, redeemer of the world:*

*give us your peace.*

## Breaking the Bread

This bread we break  
is a sharing in the body of Christ.

Gathered in different places,  
we are connected in one Spirit:

**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

**God of all people from every tribe and language;  
you call witnesses  
to sing your praise,  
live your grace  
and work for peace:  
may we share their faith  
and know our need for you  
that we may be a blessing  
to the hunger of your world;**



**through Jesus Christ, whose body we are.  
Amen.**

## Notices

### Blessing

May the kingdom of God work in our hearts,  
quietly, hiddenly, like a small seed growing,  
to bless us, transform us,  
and bring healing to God's world.

**Amen.**

Let us go now

**Let us go with God's blessing**

**Let us go in justice and love.**

Let us go now

**Let us go and love our neighbours**

**Let us go and respect the earth.**

Let us go now

**Let us go and befriend strangers**

**Let us go and make peace.**

Let us go now

**Let us go and walk with God.**

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Mayenziwe 'ntando yakho:*

*Your will be done on earth, O Lord.*