



# St Mark's CRC

Centre for Radical Christianity

## Liturgical Resources

### Eucharistic / Thanksgiving Prayers

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#### Preparation

*Either*

Gather us in, O God:

**From every age and outlook.**

Gather us in, O God:

**From every creed and colour.**

Gather us in, O God:

**From every circumstance and walk of life.**

Be found among us:

**In the sharing of bread and wine,  
in the offering of friendship and service,  
in the openness of thankful hearts  
and outstretched hands,  
be found among us.**

*Or*

In Jesus' name, we gather.

**From every age and outlook.**

In Jesus' name, we gather.

**From every creed and colour.**

In Jesus' name, we gather.

**From every circumstance and walk of life.**

Christ in our midst:

**In the sharing of bread and wine,  
in the offering of friendship and service,  
in the openness of thankful hearts  
and outstretched hands,  
may Christ be found among us.**

## Ordinary Time I

*Either*

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Ever-beckoning One,  
we thank you that in every age  
you are calling people  
to venture forth in faith -  
leaving behind the securities of self-interest  
in pursuit of justice, truth and peace.

We thank you that in Jesus  
your word has been fulfilled –  
through life, through death,  
through life beyond death –  
drawing humanity into your presence  
that all may find their integrity in you.

We thank you that through him  
we can approach this table,  
no matter who we are  
or where life has led us,  
no matter what our confusion  
or how deep our doubts.

And so we praise you  
with the faithful of every time and place  
who have struggled to embody your word  
and live out your wisdom,  
together saying,

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of truth and love.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

*Or (or omit if using with Preparation)*

God is among us.

**Within us and beyond us.**

Open your hearts and minds.

**We welcome the Spirit in life.**

Come, let us celebrate the Feast.

**And commune with Christ, our Lord.**

And now,  
in obedience to his command,  
it is our duty and our joy,  
to remember the night he gave himself up  
and was handed over to death.

One final time,  
among friends, gathered round a table,  
Jesus took bread,  
and after giving you thanks,  
he broke it  
and offered it to them, saying,

*Either*

This is my body –  
the vision within me,  
the vocation we share –  
I entrust it to you.

*Or*

Take, eat; this is my body  
which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

Afterwards, he took the cup of wine,  
blessed it, and offered it to them, saying,

*Either*

With this cup we celebrate  
our new relationship with God,  
forged from forgiveness,  
sealed with my blood.  
This is how you will remember me.

*Or*

Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

As we remember his life,  
proclaim his death  
and celebrate his resurrection,  
may your Holy Spirit inspire this communion  
that all who share this bread and wine  
may feed on Christ and become one with him.

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

## Ordinary Time II

*Either*

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Mysterious God,  
we discern your wisdom  
in the ordering of the universe  
and the rhythm of the seasons;  
in the purposefulness of creation  
and the pattern of our days.

From the origins of our species,  
you called us into covenant  
to cultivate Paradise  
and make manifest  
the beauty of the earth.

When we made gods of ourselves  
and abused our freedoms,  
you inspired prophets and sages  
to challenge our pretensions  
and guide us in your ways.

With unceasing kindness  
you beckon us to Eden  
to discover our integrity  
in communion with you  
and all your creatures.

Therefore, with all who bear the breath of life  
and animate your glory  
we voice creation's praise.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of truth and love,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Or (or omit if using with Preparation)*

God is among us.

**Within us and beyond us.**

Open your hearts and minds.

**We welcome the Spirit in life.**

Come, let us celebrate the Feast.

**And commune with Christ, our Lord.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Especially, we praise you  
for coming among us in Jesus,  
who sowed seeds of faith  
within yielding souls –  
spreading forgiveness  
across arid landscapes,  
causing justice to blossom  
where oppression thrived.

From a bountiful earth,  
he prepared a banquet of blessing;  
from a broken humanity,  
he gathered a people to be blessed.

On the eve before he gave himself up,  
Jesus anticipated the feast of your kingdom one final time.

Among companions,  
taking bread,  
he gave thanks,  
broke it  
and offered it to them, saying,

*Either*

This is my body –  
the vision within me,  
the vocation we share –  
I entrust it to you.

*Or*

Take, eat; this is my body  
which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

Later, he took a cup of wine,  
gave thanks,  
and offered it to them, saying:

*Either*

With this cup we celebrate  
our new relationship with God,  
forged from forgiveness,  
sealed with my blood.  
This is how you will remember me.

*Or*

Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Come, Spirit of Jesus,  
come, Breath of Life,  
stir within us

and rest upon this bread and wine  
that, sharing in communion,  
we may be united in Christ  
and restored to covenant  
with all who bear the image of their creator  
and long for the day  
when healing shall rise up with the dawn  
and justice roll down like an ever-flowing stream. **Amen.**

## Advent

*Either*

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

God of our longing,

God of our hoping,

it is good and right to praise you.

From the time of our forebears  
you have journeyed with those who seek you  
in openness and trust.

You inspired prophets to pursue justice –  
to challenge the mighty  
and liberate the oppressed.

Through John the baptizer  
you taught us to lament our wrongdoings  
and return to the way of forgiveness.

In Mary, the mother of faith,  
you draw us into your passion  
and reveal your peace.

It is, indeed, good and right to praise you,  
saying/singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of truth and love,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Above all, we give you thanks  
for revealing your salvation in Jesus Christ.

*Or (or omit if using with Preparation)*

God is among us.

**Within us and beyond us.**

Open your hearts and minds.

**We welcome the Spirit in life.**

Come, let us celebrate the Feast.

**And commune with Christ, our Lord.**

In him, we see the person you long for us to be,  
through him, we feed on your wisdom and truth,  
with him, we embrace your kingdom causes.

And now,  
in obedience to his command,  
it is our duty and our joy,  
to remember the night he gave himself up  
and was handed over to death.

One final time,  
in the company of his own,  
Jesus took bread,  
blessed it in God's holy name,  
broke it and gave it to them, saying:

*Either*

This is my life –  
all that I embody,  
I entrust it to you.

*Or*

Take, eat; this is my body  
which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

Later, he took a cup of wine,  
gave thanks,  
and offered it to them, saying:

*Either*

With this cup we celebrate  
our new relationship with God,  
forged from forgiveness,  
sealed with my blood.  
This is how you will remember me.

*Or*

Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

God of our longing,  
God of our hoping,  
breath your life-giving Spirit  
into this bread and wine  
that all who partake of this communion  
may feed on Christ  
and taste his sacred hunger  
for a world renewed by your promises  
and fulfilled through your love. **Amen.**

Lent / Justice (*inspired by Isaiah 58*)

*Either*

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

God of the Jubilee,  
in Christ, you shatter the temples  
we create to contain you  
and reveal your will  
to loose the bonds of injustice  
and let the oppressed go free,  
to share your bread with the hungry  
and shelter the homeless poor.

Silence our pretensions  
and prepare our hearts  
to suffer the cries of your suffering people  
and respond with the offering of our lives.

With all in every age  
who have been stirred by your passion  
or longed for your presence,  
who yearn for your light to break forth like the dawn  
and your healing to spring up swiftly,  
we raise our voices in acclamation.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of truth and love,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Especially, we praise you  
for coming among us in Jesus,  
in him, your kingdom is made manifest,  
through him, your will is fulfilled,  
with him, we are called into your service.

*Or (or omit if using with Preparation)*

God is among us.

**Within us and beyond us.**

Open your hearts and minds.

**We welcome the Spirit in life.**

Come, let us celebrate the Feast.

**And commune with Christ, our Lord.**

And now,  
in obedience to his command,  
it is our duty and our joy,  
to remember the night he gave himself up  
and was handed over to death.

One final time,  
in the company of his own,  
gathered around a table,  
Jesus took bread, gave thanks,  
broke it and offered it to them, saying,

*Either*

This is my life –  
all that I embody,  
I entrust it to you.

*Or*

Take, eat; this is my body  
which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

Later, he took a cup of wine,  
gave thanks,  
and offered it to them, saying:

*Either*

With this cup we celebrate  
our new relationship with God,  
forged from forgiveness,  
sealed with my blood.  
This is how you will remember me.

*Or*

Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

And so, Lord of the Fast,  
breathe your passionate Spirit  
into this communion  
that all who share this bread and wine  
may feed on Christ  
and taste his sacred hunger  
for a world renewed by your promises  
and fulfilled through your love. **Amen.**

## Palm Sunday

*Either*

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Christ, our companion,  
whose way of costly love  
led you to seek out the broken  
and satisfy the hungers of the needy.

With passionate justice,  
you championed the dignity of the downtrodden  
and struggled for the freedom of the oppressed.

Exchanging the comfort of your homeland  
for the vulnerability of the cross,  
you journeyed to Jerusalem  
to challenge the abusers of power  
in God's name,  
and to explode the delusion  
that God can be contained  
within human structures  
or controlled by human hands.

And so with all in every age,  
who have looked upon your passion  
and encountered the mystery of God's love,  
we raise our voices in acclamation.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of truth and love.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessèd is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

And now we remember that night

*Or (or omit if using with Preparation)*

God is among us.

**Within us and beyond us.**

Open your hearts and minds.

**We welcome the Spirit in life.**

Come, let us celebrate the Feast.

**And commune with Christ, our Lord.**

when, before being given up to death,  
you entrusted your life to your own.

One final time,  
in the company of friends,  
taking a loaf of bread,  
you blessed it,  
broke it into pieces  
and offered it to them, saying:

*Either*

This is my life –  
all that I embody,  
I entrust it to you.

*Or*

Take, eat; this is my body  
which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

A little later,  
taking a cup of wine  
you blessed it  
and offered it to them, saying,

*Either*

With this cup we celebrate  
our new relationship with God,  
forged from forgiveness,  
sealed with my blood.  
This is how you will remember me.

*Or*

Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

And so, Lord Jesus Christ,  
suffering saviour and servant king,  
as we recall passion,  
how you were broken and torn apart,  
breathe upon us your life-giving Spirit  
and costly forgiveness  
that all who eat this bread  
and drink from this cup  
may find their communion in you  
and find their place within your body –  
that what you lived for  
and died for  
may live on in us. **Amen.**

## Easter

*Either*

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

God of undying love,  
we gather in Jesus' name  
as he commanded us to do.

We remember his life  
with thanksgiving and honour;  
we lament his death  
with sorrow in our hearts  
and a deep passion for his ways  
as we lay ourselves open  
to his presence among us.

We make our stand  
with those in every age  
who have struggled to remain faithful  
amidst failure and doubt –  
seeking the life of Jesus  
that his life may live on in us  
as we raise our voices in acclamation:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of truth and love,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he, O blessed is he,  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

And now, it is our duty and our joy,  
to remember how,  
on the night he entrusted his life  
into the hands of friends and detractors,  
Jesus celebrated your kingdom

*Or (or omit if using with Preparation)*

God is among us.

**Within us and beyond us.**

Open your hearts and minds.

**We welcome the Spirit in life.**

Come, let us celebrate the Feast.

**And commune with Christ, our Lord.**

in the company of his own.

He took a loaf of bread,  
praised you for its goodness,  
broke it into pieces  
and offered it to them, saying,

*Either*

Take, eat, this is my body –  
food for all who hunger,  
my life for the world.

*Or*

Take, eat; this is my body  
which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

A little later,  
he took a cup of wine, blessed it,  
and offered it to his companions, saying,

*Either*

Take, drink,  
with this we celebrate our new relationship  
with God and one another –  
forged from forgiveness,  
sealed with my blood.

*Or*

Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Come, Breath of God,  
come, Spirit of new Life,  
breathe upon us  
and upon these gifts,  
that bread and wine,  
flesh and blood,  
may reveal your loving purposes  
and fulfil your gracious will. **Amen.**

Harvest (suitable for all-age worship)

*Either*

May God be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Thank you, loving God,  
for bread to feed us –  
**for flour and yeast,  
water and sunshine,  
salt to savour the earth.**

Thank you, loving God,  
for wine to delight us –  
**for sugar and grape,  
blending and fermentation,  
spirit to gladden the heart.**

In Jesus' hands,  
bread and wine,  
sustenance and celebration,  
brought your kingdom to life  
in a new community of love:  
food for the hungry,  
welcome for the stranger,  
comfort for the lonely,  
healing for the sick,  
forgiveness for the wayward,  
challenge for the haughty.

**All praise to you,  
Lord of the Harvest,  
for Jesus, the Bread of Life  
and Holy Vine.**

One final time,  
in the shadow of death,  
Jesus gathered with his friends  
and, as often before,  
placed bread and wine in their midst.

*Or (or omit if using with Preparation)*

God is among us.  
**Within us and beyond us.**

Open your hearts and minds.  
**We welcome the Spirit in life.**

Come, let us celebrate the Feast.  
**And commune with Christ, our Lord.**

Only this night was special  
as he entrusted to his own  
the work you had entrusted to him.

Taking the bread,  
Jesus blessed it,  
broke it into pieces  
and offered it saying,  
'This is my body.'

A little later,  
he took the cup,  
gave thanks  
and offered it with these words,  
'This is my blood.'

Then, as now,  
may bread and wine –  
taken, blessed, broken,  
offered and received –  
be our communion with Christ.

**Come, Breath of life,  
come, Spirit of God,  
fill us with the fullness of Jesus  
that he may live through us  
and we may make your love known in the world. Amen.**

Body of Christ / Corpus Christi (*inspired by 1 Corinthians 12*)

*Either*

*Or (or omit if using with Preparation)*

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

God is among us.

**Within us and beyond us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Open your hearts and minds.

**We welcome the Spirit in life.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Come, let us celebrate the Feast.

**And commune with Christ, our Lord.**

Christ, our companion,  
we thank you for calling us (through baptism)  
to be your body here on earth –  
each of us a different member  
with an unique part to play,  
all of us belonging to one another –  
united by your Spirit,  
bound together in love.

We thank you for the glorious variety  
of those who follow in your way:  
people of every age and outlook,  
embracing every culture and language,  
inhabiting every continent and nation  
finding their vocation in you.

And so, with all in every age  
who have sought to serve you  
and to live in your light,  
we raise our voices in acclamation.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of truth and love.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessèd is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

And now we remember that night  
when, before giving up your body to death,  
you entrusted it to your own.

One final time,  
at a meal with friends,  
taking a loaf of bread,  
you blessed it, broke it into pieces  
and offered it to them, saying:  
This is my body,  
food for all who hunger,  
now it is yours.

A little later, taking a cup of wine  
you blessed it and offered it to them,  
with these words:  
This is my blood, the life within me,  
poured out for all who thirst.

As we remember  
how your body was broken and torn apart,  
breathe your life-giving Spirit  
that all who eat this bread  
and drink from this cup  
may find their communion in you  
and find their place within your body –  
that what you lived for  
and died for  
may live on in us. **Amen.**